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Having begun our second century, it is fitting that the magazine focus on the use of our land as a resource.

Whether you attended, worked here, or simply visited Sweet Briar, you cannot help but be moved by the vastness and beauty of the College. Blessed with 3,250 acres of land, we are fortunate to be living Indiana Fletcher Williams' dream.

Sweet Briar is much more than classrooms and dorms. We are a vibrant community. Many faculty and staff live on campus year-round: this is our home. We know our students and they know us. This doesn't change, whether students return as new alumnae immediately following graduation or 20 years later. This is our legacy, but along with this comes great responsibility.

Indiana knew the value of an education when she created Sweet Briar Institute, stipulating that a school be established to "educate girls and young women to be useful members of society." Having begun our second century, it is fitting that the magazine focus on the use of our land as a resource. Articles featured include everything from Trails and the Community Garden to Girl Scout Programs and a Report on financial operating results.

Working together, we can preserve our natural resources and ensure that the College remains financially sound for the generations to come. Many committees are looking at our resources:

The Land Use Committee was established to study possible uses of our land, increasingly important. With US 29 By-pass completed, Sweet Briar is only 20 minutes away from the Lynchburg airport.

Surrounding communities are growing with developments such as Poplar Grove Golf Community, its course designed by Sam Snead. An example of SBC's taking advantage of the growth is the partnership between Poplar Grove and the Florence Elston Inn: our "Stay and Play" package. This will be the third year that the Friends of Athletics will host their annual golf fundraiser at Poplar Grove. Also, students can take golf lessons.

The Lake Committee is studying the Upper and Lower lakes to preserve this area as a recreation spot to enjoy. During February 2007 Board meetings, the Buildings and Grounds Committee was treated to a presentation on the Lower Lake by Theresa Jorgensen '07 and Kelsey Jeffers '07, students of Dr. Rebecca Ambers, assistant professor, Environmental Studies. Positive note: we learned the lake is cleaner now

than it was 20 years ago. The Boat House, still popular, needs renovation.

The Library Committee is updating a 1995 study as we plan to modernize the Mary Helen Cochran Library. We began cosmetic upgrades and repairs over Christmas Break. New carpet was installed and several areas painted. The main library tables were refinished; hardwood flooring was installed in the Browsing Room. New chairs will arrive soon.

The Fitness and Athletic Committee completed the design concept for our new facility. All that remains is funding to begin construction. Renovations for the Williams Gymnasium near completion. The cardiovascular space was tripled, new equipment purchased. The locker room was renovated and converted to five air-conditioned locker rooms: one for general use, four team lockers. We will add a changing room for officials, to bring us into compliance with the ODAC athletic conference.

The Riding Program continues to grow. Twenty-three stalls, two tack rooms added in the last three years. See Director of the Riding Program Shelby French's article.

Many other improvements around campus:

- Dairy Barn remodeled for printmaking, studio art and photography
- Babcock, renovated to provide Dance and Theatre dedicated space
- Patteson House modernized (air-conditioning, sprinkler system) as alternative living space for upperclasswomen.

If you haven't been on campus in a while, we hope you will enjoy the articles about use of the land, and the people who take great pride in preserving and maintaining the campus. Plan to visit. Stay at the Elston Inn and Conference Center: recent enhancements include new carpeting and refurbishing of all guest rooms, which now offer free Internet access. It's a great place to hold a meeting or for a mini vacation—to walk, play tennis, golf, swim—enjoy!

Without the generosity and support of our alumnae, Board members, parents, and friends, it would not be possible to maintain and preserve our campus. Excited about the future, we thank you for your continued support as we look to the next 100 years.

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LESSONS *from the* LAND

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Imagine a peaceful forest bursting with life, dotted with burrows for groundhogs and foxes, beds for deer, and miles of hiking trails. Add to that a variety of bird species singing in the canopy, a gurgling stream flowing through a verdant wetland, and flowers blooming in a spectrum of colors. On top of all this, picture a couple of lakes and a field of uncut hay waving in the breeze.

No, this is not the beginning of a fairy tale; these are the images that come to mind when someone asks me about where I live and what I do.



Tim Kasper and his daughter, Lucia

I moved here in the fall of 2003 with my wife, Debbie, when she was hired as a sociology professor. With an educational background in physical and environmental geography and a variety of work experiences in wetlands and forestry, finding myself near the Blue Ridge Mountains and on Sweet Briar's campus was a dream. I wanted to find a way to promote environmental education and contribute to efforts to maintain

and preserve out-of-the-way places on campus. I set out to establish the Institute for Sustainability and Environmental Education (ISEE) in the fall of 2005 under the umbrella of the Environmental Studies department. The role of the ISEE is to promote education about and awareness of environmental and sustainability issues on campus through outreach activities, workshops, and projects in conjunction with environmental studies and other relevant programs at SBC.

The ISEE's first major project was the creation of a series of educational nature trails to showcase the habitats and ecosystems around the vicinity of the two lakes on campus, especially the neighboring wetlands. Informational signs along the trails highlight native wildlife and plants, and describe the important roles that certain features of the landscape play in maintaining the whole. The nature trails not only provide an outdoor setting for hands-on education in SBC college classes, but also learning opportunities for area school groups and recreation for Amherst community members.

One of the trails' most important features is the boardwalk and observation platform (wheelchair accessible) crossing the flowered, wet meadow between the two lakes. In addition to being fundamental to environmental education of all sorts, this wetland is also one of the most beautiful areas on campus! Throughout the year, colors change from the yellows of wingstem and the reds of cardinal flower to the purple joe-pye weed, and beautiful magenta of new-york ironweed. Hawks, blue jays, cardinals, and chickadees frequent this spot daily, as do various other local critters.

Even before official completion, the trails are being well-used. In the spring of 2006 I led a Field Natural History class through the trails to learn about useful and edible plants in Sweet Briar Woods. Along with a representative from Virginia DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) and the Master Naturalists of Central Virginia, the ISEE sponsored an advanced training wetlands workshop in the fall of 2006. The site was designated ideal for its "variation and relatively unadulterated status." We do have a treasure here on the campus grounds. Thanks to a grant from the Lynchburg Community Trust, an alumna donation from Katzie Bailey Nager '53, and the help of a variety of volunteers, the ISEE was able to make it a little bit easier to "share the wealth" with the surrounding community.

Speaking of wealth, the Sweet Briar Community Garden (SBCG) is another wonderful use of a small and little known corner of campus. Since we arrived here, we have been blessed with camaraderie, time well-spent outdoors, and the welcome opportunity to grow and share healthy local food. The SBCG operates just uphill from the old dairy barn, and provides a great place for members to

learn the art of gardening, and perhaps a little more about themselves.

SBCG members have been working to expand a sense of community at the garden, and it has been a success. Membership continues to grow, as does the length of our work days and the size of our garden parties! As it turns out, the ISEE's initiatives overlap with some of recent developments at the garden, and it has become an important place to apply particular strategies. With the combined know-how, generosity, and efforts of garden members, exciting things are happening. For example, the pavilion we built three years ago has recently become fully solar-powered; a geothermal greenhouse is in the works; and a small scale CSA (community supported agriculture) operation is being developed. The SBCG also provides educational opportunities for classes as diverse as biology (Dr. Steven's "Plants and Human Affairs"), environmental studies (Dr. Ambers' "Sustainable Agriculture), and sociology (Dr. Debbie Kasper's "Community"), to name just a few.

I am full of ideas about how to use the land for educational ends, and I know that I am not alone. **Sweet Briar's campus is a gem, and I am proud to be part of the efforts to help people recognize the true value of this place, both its beauty and its potential for teaching us all important lessons.** No doubt, each student leaves here with special memories and, hopefully, returns to enjoy a favorite spot, riding trail, or mountain view. Many faculty, staff, and students have worked hard over the years to maintain certain characteristics of Sweet Briar's land. The ISEE hopes to be a continuing part of this tradition by providing education and natural resource protection so that future generations of Sweet Briar students will be able to experience the campus as we know and love it. Whether walking the trails, learning about wetlands, or enjoying locally grown goodies, I hope all who visit Sweet Briar will enjoy their time here as much as I have.



Professor Debbie Kasper and daughter Lucia

Gardening at Sweet Briar

ALIX INGBER, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

In the late fall of 2001, Cliff and Rebecca Ambers and Mark Campbell surveyed faculty and staff to see if there would be any interest in setting up a community garden on campus. There was a great deal of interest, and the hard work began on a small plot of land above the Sweet Briar Dairy. A generous contribution from an anonymous alumna allowed us to surround the garden with a solar-powered electric fence (no electric lines run to the garden).

From an unappetizing field covered with brush to

the inaugural season in the spring of 2002, an incredible transformation took place. We even had a vineyard! The garden today continues to grow, both in the number of members and in our community projects. In 2004 we built a pavilion where a rotting shed once stood. Last year, a donated solar-powered lawnmower was used to provide the pavilion with electricity. This year we are building a greenhouse. You can see a photographic history of the garden online, at: <http://sbcg.sbc.edu/photos/history/>.

The needs of the garden are supported by nominal dues paid by the members and by a number of fundraising activities we have undertaken over the years. We began by making our signature hot sauce available to supporters of the garden. This started as a means of doing something with everybody's surplus of hot peppers following the first gardening season. Cliff Ambers supplied the recipe and did most of the work that first year. We continued the hot sauce project for several years and still have folks asking when

we will have more. Last year, under the leadership of garden director, Tim Kasper, we began a new fundraising venture: a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) that supplies our organic produce to local subscribers. We still are getting the hang of this, but the 2007 season looks promising, and we hope to be able to expand our list of subscribers in 2008.

What is it like to belong to the Community Garden? Although I am not normally given to hyperbole, I would have to say that the garden, at least for me, has been a life-changing experience. **The garden is far more than a place to plant vegetables: it is a gathering place where people from across the campus community work, share gardening and cooking tips, and celebrate the seasons.** Summer workdays generally include a potluck dinner, and festivities (most notably the Cinco de Mayo party) stretch well into the night with a bonfire and lots of music.

I am convinced that our recent foray into the realm of fall and winter gardening is due as much to our desire to keep things going throughout the year as it is to our desire for homegrown vegetables in the winter. I suspect that the key element of the Sweet Briar Community Garden is as much "Community" as it is "Garden."

You can learn more about the Sweet Briar Community Garden by visiting our website at <http://sbcg.sbc.edu>.



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Tim Kasper working in garden!

Lettuce!

Alix Ingber at work in the community garden.

Spring Cleaning

Professor's cheap labor is for the birds

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY

STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE



Rebecca Massie Lane checks bird box

Rebecca Massie Lane peered into a bluebird box and withdrew its furnishings—a pressed square of intertwined twigs and straw with a scoop in the middle.

“Look,” she said, extending the nest in her hand. “I love to see that they were used last year.”

Lane, whose day job is director of SBC art galleries, spent part of one day of Spring Break doing a little spring cleaning. She makes an annual pilgrimage, cleaning out last year's nests from the 30 or so bluebird boxes spaced around the Dairy Loop.

The birds don't like to return until the old material from the previous season is removed, even if the bird nested there before. “It's sort of like cleaning an apartment when you move,” Lane said. “You have to clean to get your security deposit back.”

She's been making the trek long enough to not remember exactly how many years it's been. It's been long enough to observe that the nests vary, that different species—others besides bluebirds use the boxes—seem to like pine straw while others don't.

“You [also] can see the topography of the nest,” she said. “There are strata. If they have two nestings in a year, they build the second on top of the last.”

Lane totes along a hammer and spare nails for the job. The box doors are held closed by a loose nail that is easily removed. But they also can fall out and need replacing.

Occasionally the free-standing posts that the boxes are mounted to need a little straightening. The hammer is handy for that, too, but at maybe 5 feet tall Lane frequently relies on a tried-and-true alternate method: Find a bunch of rocks to pile around the post.



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

Bringing Science and English Together

MARCIA ROBERTSON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Ever since I came to Sweet Briar and participated in bird banding with Buck Edwards, Professor of Biology Emeritus, **it was clear that the campus is a rich curricular resource that I wanted to incorporate in some of my courses.** In teaching “Reading and Writing about the Natural World” in spring 2006, I found a way to make the journey back and forth between the classroom and the fields, woods, streams and lakes that surround us.

The class was an Honors course that required students to write essays based on observations of the animals, plants, and topography of Sweet Briar. Students developed the habit of careful, accurate observation of the natural world, an activity often associated with “science.” They incorporated the resulting knowledge into essays using storytelling techniques: the creation of narrative structure, perspective, and voice. Informal labs during which we interacted with aspects of the campus ecology were an essential part of this undertaking. Rebecca Penny '08, a SWEBOP staff member, took the class on a hike to her favorite oak tree and gave an informal lecture

on climax vegetation. Jeff Janovetz, former assistant professor of Biology, helped us collect and identify salamanders from the pond below Guion and let us handle his snake collection, an activity in which class members participated with remarkable aplomb. Rebecca Ambers, assistant professor of Environmental Sciences, showed us how to inventory a campus stream and how to analyze soil samples. Joe Malloy, associate professor and reference librarian, taught the basic principles of fly casting. Linda Fink, professor of Biology, graciously invited us to her home to look for wild flowers and examine larvae in her pond. These interactions were the most successful aspects of the course. Because we literally got our hands dirty, aspects of the natural world became less abstract to us than before; we got a taste of how biologists and environmental scientists look at the world. Science and humanities students alike explored, observed, and wrote about these processes. I'm scheming to create even more systematic ways to incorporate the landscape into future versions of this course.

FROM TOP

L-r: Virginia Wilson '08;
Lisa Ruffle '08; Elizabeth
Jensen '08; Catherine Cox '08;
Jo Gormley '07. Looking at buds
on the buckeye sapling, pond
behind Guion

Jo Gormley '07 at the pond
behind Guion, checking spring
wildflowers just emerging

Piedmont meadow-rue



The Campus: An Extended Classroom

JANET STEVEN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

As an assistant professor of biology and the instructor for "Plants and Human Affairs", "The Plant Kingdom", and "Plant Physiology", I use the campus as an extended classroom quite a bit. I've had students in introductory lab counting the invasive species in the woods behind Guion, measuring leaves on trees, and monitoring the Monarch population as it migrates through in the fall. I've taken "Plant Kingdom" students out to look at the various vegetation types we have on campus and to make observations of pollinator activity. Next fall I'm planning a number of outdoor labs for "The Plant Kingdom" that focus on plant diversity and identification, and students in the "Plants and Human Affairs" lab will be spending time in the Sweet Briar Community Garden.

We also have a number of interesting conifers on campus that are useful in teaching, plus nature preserves and wildflower gardens. Spring semester I have my "Plant Physiology" class outside measuring photosynthetic rates. I've had students

utilize plants on campus in independent research, and Doreen McVeigh '09 and I will be studying a plant that grows around the lake this summer in a Summer Honors Research project. In addition, I'll be setting up an experimental garden on campus to study a rare plant species, piedmont meadow-rue, that has separate male and female individuals (an uncommon arrangement in plants). The garden will allow me to test the importance of light and nutrients in determining size differences between the two sexes.

The size of the campus and the amount of natural area we have was one of the things that attracted me when I applied for a position at Sweet Briar two years ago; we really are spoiled to have the campus as a resource in teaching biology. And I enjoy the campus as a resident as well. I like to hike the trails, and the Community Garden is a wonderful group of people to work with, as well as an ongoing source of fantastic fruits and vegetables.

Sharing the Outdoors

Associate Professor Joe Malloy uses SBC campus in outreach activities and outdoor classes. Students, children, and others look forward to these programs each season and use them as a time to nurture the land and learn from it.

Hiking in the Blue Ridge Class - PHED 125 (Fall and Spring). Students hike trails and participate in the SBC Annual Trail Day.

Trail Day. Students work with Joe to clear and cut brush, mark routes, pick up litter along the trails.

SWEBOP SBC-HSC Fly Fishing Clinic & Picnic. The Boat House and lake are used for fly fishing instruction and a picnic. Hampden-Sydney's FlyFishing Club assists. SBC has hosted the event for three years. Traditionally a fall activity; also held in the spring last year.

Reunion Fly Fishing (Individual & Group Instruction) 1998-2006.

Kids in College groups participated in a Fly Fishing Class with Joe in 2006.

Learning on the Land. Formerly, Joe has taken groups on trails and to the lake for this part of first-year orientation, helping students find and identify flora and fauna. Before Learning on the Land changed to an evening event, students also swam in the lake.



Photos by Joe Malloy (except as noted)



Photo by Jennifer McManamy

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

Students take a rest during their hiking class in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Blanch de Francqueville '05 overlooks Gashen Pass

Students are prepared for clearing the trails on Trail Day

Professor Joe Malloy and students clean up Sweet Briar trails

Students from local grade school are ready for fly fishing

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The Butterfly Research Garden: Way Station for Monarchs

LINDA FINK, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

From August through October, Research Professor of Biology Lincoln Brower and I conduct daily censuses of nectaring monarch butterflies at the Butterfly Research Garden near the Train Station. It takes us just 10–20 minutes to walk around the hundred buddleias, recording the number of monarch butterflies, the weather conditions, and the state of

the flowers. In conjunction with scientists, naturalists, teachers, and volunteers all over eastern North America, we are monitoring the health of the monarch population; we have been censusing on campus since 1997 seeking answers to how monarchs are faring under the stress of climate change, logging of the Mexican forests where they overwinter, and alteration of

their summer breeding habitats. Insect numbers fluctuate widely from year to year, but long-term surveys can reveal trends.

The Butterfly Research Garden is a wonderful resource for research and teaching. We recently published a paper examining seasonal changes in monarchs' fat storage, incorporating four years of our Sweet Briar data (Brower, L.P.,



Photo by Linda S. Fink

Fink, L.S., and Walford, P. 2006. Fueling the fall migration of the monarch butterfly. *Integrative and Comparative Biology* 46:1123-1142).

Students in "Introductory Biology", "General Ecology" and "Insect Biology" all make observations in the garden. Director of the Arts Management Program Rebecca Massie Lane and I have brought new-student-orientation groups here during the fall "Learning on the Land" sessions and every year I offer at least one Insect Workshop for teachers.

The garden is lovely on sunny afternoons and visitors are always welcome. The peak of the monarch migration is from late September to the first week in October, but even when monarchs are scarce, the buddleias hum with birds, hawkmoths, praying mantids and swallowtail butterflies. A bench is situated to give views over the garden and hayfield toward Kentucky Ridge.

Sweet Briar's Grounds Crew helps to maintain the garden by keeping a path mowed and cutting back the plants every winter. To keep the plants flowering, we rely on volunteers who help us deadhead the faded blooms.

If you are a gardener visiting campus between June and October, we'll welcome your help. We'll provide the pruners!



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Monarch butterfly feeding at a buddleia flower at the Sweet Briar butterfly garden, September 2001.

Ecology students, Christie Michaels and Jennifer Bragg, looking for monarch butterfly caterpillars on milkweeds, with the butterfly research garden and Train Station visible in the background, September 2003.

When monarchs are scarce, the buddleias hum with swallowtail butterflies.



Spotted Salamander

“March of the Salamanders” Documented by Students

SUZANNE RAMSEY, STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

Under cloak of darkness, they cross dangerous terrain. Up and down hills, around logs and rocks. Predators—Barred owls, skunks and unwitting size-9 Nikes—threaten their survival as they crawl over wet leaves and, hopefully, finally make their way to the breeding pool.

It was the March of the Salamanders, and although Morgan Freeman did not narrate their slithery trek, the journey of the spotted salamander from the underground burrows of Guion Woods to the man-made Guion Pond was no less dramatic.

For the first time at Sweet Briar College, March 1 and 2, the breeding ritual was documented by a research team of students and professors. Students have studied the local salamanders for decades, but a few years ago someone threw a curve ball at the little critters, necessitating a more in-depth study.

In 2002, predatory mosquito fish were released into the pond, possibly by a well-intentioned fisherman or someone afraid of the spread of West Nile Virus. “We are concerned that these fish and other predators may be eating so many juveniles that the population will decline,” Biology Professor Linda Fink said.

“The study we’re starting [and] hoping to continue for years will give much information about the population. The specific question is whether our population has a healthy mix of individuals of all ages,

or is it an aging population because few or no juveniles escape from pond predators.”

Black with neon yellow spots, the salamanders are about eight inches long, including the tail. Native to SBC, the eastern United States and southern Canada, the Guion Woods salamanders are the only group that Fink is aware of on campus.

Mike Hayslett, SBC adjunct professor of environmental science, has studied wetlands and their inhabitants for 20 years. He believes this “family” of salamanders has been breeding in Guion Pond for 50 years or more. Unlike most amphibians that live two or three years, spotted salamanders can live to be 20 or 30.

Spending about 360 days a year underground, they eat earthworms and bugs, and emerge on the first warm, rainy day of the year—the “salamander rain”—to breed. Hayslett defined salamander rain as a “cyclical event,” with three conditions—rain, near-50-degree temperatures and thunder—usually present.

“Some say it’s an auditory cue,” he said of the thunder. “The rumbles and vibration might be a cue to wake them up.”

Above ground, the salamanders’ objective is equally primal. Biology Professor Fink put it simply: “Once a year, they doodle over to the pond, have sex for a week and come back.”

READY, SET, WHOA

Unfortunately, when dealing with Mother Nature, you're on her time clock. The team, made up mostly of ecology students, had hoped to begin research on Feb. 20. The timing was right. In this area, salamander movement usually begins mid-February to early March, and a chance of rain was forecast.

"[They have] porous skin and are very susceptible to drying out. They need a high moisture content in the air," Hayslett said, adding that some might travel as far as a half mile to the pond, making dehydration a viable threat. Add to that the fact that spotted salamanders aren't exactly speedy. "They're very slow," he said. "Not like skinks."

It was after 6 p.m. in the Guion biology lab when Fink gave the students, many clad in rain gear and rubber boots, their assignments. Some would be on "pit crews," gathering salamanders from around sheet metal fences the team had erected in various woodland locations.

According to Hayslett, salamanders aren't keen on climbing over large objects. When they reach a solid fence or log, they turn left or right. In this case, after making the turn, they would fall into buried coffee cans full of leaf matter.

Pit crew staffers would scoop up the salamanders, deposit them in plastic baggies, and label the bags with time and location. Other students would be "runners," transporting the creatures back and forth between pit crews and the lab. Some would be "spotters," scanning

the woodland trail for action and marking salamander sightings with surveyor's flags.

In the lab, students and professors would process the salamanders, measuring, weighing, photographing, and using the "Twitty" method to remove one of the animals' toes for future identification and chronology purposes.

"You can tell the age of a salamander, like tree rings," Hayslett said. "We have the specific goal to obtain [and] preserve how stable this population of salamanders might be. If it's composed mostly of old adults with little apparent recruitment, as evidenced by younger adults, then we have a population of critters that needs help."

After processing, the runners would take salamanders back to where they were found and point them toward the pond. "Kiss them on the head and wish them fond farewell," Fink said, eliciting a groan from Hayslett. "No," he said. "Don't kiss them on the head."

Assignments made, the students waited in the lab, headlamps in place. But there was no rain. So Fink and Hayslett suspended the study and led the group on a brief tour of Guion Woods, pointing out the fences and demonstrating collection methods. As for the postponement, Hayslett just shrugged. "If we hit it, it's one of the coolest phenomena," he said.

RAINING SALAMANDERS

The salamander rain began March 1, first as a misty morning drizzle and progressing to a soaking rain by midnight. By 10 p.m. the woods around Guion Pond were slicker than a spotted salamander.

The team met in the lab at 6:30 p.m., and within an hour the first salamanders were spotted. By 7:30, Jenny Walkiewicz '09 said the sunken coffee cans at one fence line had halted the progression of about 50 specimens. "They were exciting," she said, adding what had become a common opinion: "They are very cute."

At 9:30, Doreen McVeigh '09 was on the trail as a spotter. She estimates she found one every three minutes. "They were scurrying along the path pretty quickly," she said, countering Hayslett's claim that salamanders are slow. "They're pretty quick when they want to be."

By 10:00, the team had counted more than 200. In the lab, baggies of yellow polka-dotted amphibians monopolized the end of one table as students and professors measured, weighed and documented salamanders. Mud was everywhere, on boots, clothes, and trailing down the tiled hallway.

Hayslett, dressed in a pink and green SBC T-shirt and matching green hat, said the results were exceptional. "Tonight's success, I attribute to the pink T-shirt," he joked. "I put on the T-shirt and got the call."

By morning, some 575 salamanders had been encountered, with 470 hand-examined in the lab. The male-to-female ratio was 3-to-1. The largest recorded was a 42.5-gram female.

"We saw some extremely large individuals, suggesting a very stable, old population," Hayslett said. "But we were delighted to see many smaller, younger adults, suggesting that sufficient recruitment is occurring. This is, of course, prior to number crunching and summer investigations."



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

Sarah Doyle '09 is prepared with headgear to search for salamanders



Jennifer Summerfield '07 pulls salamander eggs from Guion pond

There were other surprises during the night, including spotless salamanders and animals with bifurcated and trifurcated toes. Salamander No. 201 had a thin, deformed tail. Hayslett attributed the abnormality to malnutrition, prompting one thoughtful student to ask, "Can I give him a cricket?"

The team also was taken aback to see many salamanders emerge from burrows adjacent to the pond, not from deeper in the forest as predicted. Standing in ankle-deep mud around midnight, Hayslett pointed to an area near the pond's spillway where the creek bed sunk underground.

He'd seen salamanders pouring from the hole like water from a well: "dozens and dozens" of them. "It's humbling to be outsmarted by eight-inch amphibians," he said later.

Equally surprising, some salamanders didn't go to Guion Pond at all, opting to breed in a cove on the eastern side of the Upper Lake. "I had a hunch that some might go to the Upper Lake," Hayslett said, adding that he'd set a few basket traps just in case.

"Possibly another two dozen salamanders are residing in that northern extreme of Guion Woods and instead of hiking to the pond saturated with animals, they go down the slope to the lake."

After laying eggs, adult salamanders returned home with the next rain. It will be mid-summer before babies emerge from the pond to make their way into Guion Woods. Meanwhile, Hayslett, Fink and their team have much work to do, analyzing data, planning future studies and forming a conservation plan.

"It was exhausting," Hayslett said later. "But it was a sensational experience and greatly exceeded my expectations. [It was] the best 'big night' experience I've seen since 1998. I was delighted that the students got to experience this natural phenomenon, especially after we built up their anticipation so. Whew, [I'm] relieved."

THE GERMANS ARE COMING THE GERMANS ARE COMING

RON HORWEGE

PROFESSOR, MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Since 1993, once a year I have organized and directed a German Immersion Weekend for German teachers in Virginia. The beauty of our campus and our facilities draw them back every year: many have told me about how important it is for them to get back here again and again. There is no place like Sweet Briar for a program of this sort.

We also have held a week-long Summer Workshop for German Teachers for the last

four years; a fifth is scheduled for this summer. This brings German teachers from all over the USA and from other countries. It is the only seminar offered for teachers interested in the TPRS (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) teaching approach. I have suggested that the program be sponsored on campuses in other parts of the country, but they insist on coming back here year after year.



SBC German Club Members, 2006-07.

Back row, L-r: Maggie Nichol森 '09; Brooke Agee '09; Rachel Michel '10; Ron Horwege; Claire Bryan '07. Front row, L-r: Mary Pat Jones '09; Briana Deane '08; Carly Adams '10; Brittany Deane '08

Participants in the German Total Immersion Weekend, October 2006. Ron Horwege 2nd row far left.



Art Gallery Docent Erin Rogers '08 poses with children during the African Mask Workshop

Exploring Culture through the Arts: the African Masks Workshop at Sweet Briar College

ERIN ROGERS '08, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT AND PRESIDENT OF THE
ANNE GARY PANNELL ART GALLERY DOCENT PROGRAM

There are many ways in which Sweet Briar College excels in bringing the arts to the surrounding community. Through gallery exhibits, student organizations, organized tours, and workshops, Sweet Briar continually fills its role in the development of artistic education and creativity. For over two years, Sweet Briar students from various disciplines have worked with Associate Professor Rebecca Massie Lane, Director of Museums and Galleries and the Arts Management Program, to develop the African Masks Workshop.

This educational workshop includes an exhibition of masks from the College's permanent art collection. Objects in the collection of African tribal masks were a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Jacqueline Lowe '58) Young that originated from her mother's collection. The masks come from the Sudan, the Congo, and Nigeria, and represent the Senufo, the Congo, and the Dan people.

Originally designed and created for the month-long Saturday Enrichment Program for Amherst County fourth- and fifth-graders, the African Masks Workshop has expanded and now offers workshops each year to Girl Scouts and participants of Cultural Arts Day. The workshop owes its creation and success to recent graduates Denva Jackson '05

and Kate Feiss '06, for their program and research design and to Rebecca Massie Lane for her active role in the delivery, research, and growth of the program.

Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery education assistants Erin Rogers '08, Alyson Napier '08, and Jadrienne Brown '09 currently lead the workshop. The presentation begins with a slideshow illustrating how and why masks have been used with dance, costume, and festival. Next, participants are shown the imposing, authentic masks for a sense of their actual size, shape, and texture. As a conclusion to the workshop, the children use arts and craft supplies to design their own masks. This final hands-on project helps the children to retain what they learned at Sweet Briar.

"Our goal," Rebecca Massie Lane says, "is to educate regional children about the traditional art and culture of Africa and to do this in a lively way." **The workshop is a fun learning experience for children, as well as a wonderful way for college students to become teachers for a day.**

Art Gallery Docents Bring the Classics to Life

REBECCA MASSIE LANE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
DIRECTOR OF MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES AND ARTS
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Anne Gary Pannell Art Gallery docents embrace the mission of educational programming with projects such as the "Classical World in Virginia" tour for Amherst County third-graders, the annual Cultural Arts Day for Amherst fifth-graders (both official programs of the Sweet Briar-Amherst County Schools' "Partners in Learning" agreement), and the African Masks workshop for Girl Scouts. Serving some 400 children, and contributing over 130 hours of volunteer time this year in training, in planning, and in presenting tours, the docents are a vital campus organization. For the past two years, Professor of Classical Studies Anna Moore has offered a guest lecture as part of the docents' training, and I lead numerous groups and individual-training sessions in advance of the children's visits.

The third-grade program, "The Classical World in Virginia," includes three components. The first, "Akalypta," is a study of the classical Greek, Etruscan, and Roman antiquities in our collection, and includes lessons on how the lives of ancient Greeks and Romans were similar and dissimilar to our own. Using objects of everyday life, we compare our things to theirs: drinking cups, animal figurines, lamps, funerary objects, and portraits, as well as objects of personal hygiene. Our tour, for example, includes a Roman bronze ear spoon, the equivalent of our Q-tips. This prompts the question: "Would you rather live now or then?"

At Sweet Briar, our campus architecture is a treasure. As students, Mary Lea Martin '98 and later Brienna McLaughlin '04 developed the third-grade tour and its curriculum materials, including a souvenir cut-and-tape replica of Academic/Benedict Hall for each child. The tour surveys Sweet Briar's architecture and teaches children to identify Classical architectural components such as pediments, entablatures, mouldings, arcades, domes, spires, and three orders of columns. The tour sheet is oriented toward a child's perspective. Did you know, for example, that many Sweet Briar building exteriors are decorated with daisies and roses to reference Daisy Williams and the Sweet Briar rose?

The third element of this tour is a rollicking outdoor activity, part theatre, part story-reenacting, and part recess, called the Odyssey Game. The children love this! They divide into two groups: one group plays the part of Odysseus and his crew and the other group plays the part of the monsters and enticing women who attempt to prevent Odysseus from returning home to Ithaca. Theatre major/Arts Management student Lindsay Keller '02 developed masks and Emily Poore '99 stitched costumes for this tour, so the children can become Circe and her pigs/men, the Cyclops and his fuzzy sheep, the melodious Sirens and the dreaded Scylla and Carybdis.

Docent Club President Erin Rogers '08, who has led tours since the fall of her freshman year, says that the Art Gallery



Third-graders participate in architectural treasure hunt

Docent Club "provides SBC students with an excellent volunteer opportunity to personally learn about the SBC campus and its art collections, but is also a wonderful instrument for sharing knowledge and educating visitors, especially school-aged children."

In addition to leading tours for the schools, the Docent Club raises funds to help support the costs of bussing the children to Sweet Briar, providing each docent with a manual, and renewing and replenishing the stock of curriculum handouts. To support the cause, they recently created T-shirts featuring a third century B.C. Sweet Briar lekythos, which are available at the Anne Gary Pannell Art

Gallery. Amherst County native Tammy Ivins, who recently graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Classical Studies, wrote a scholarly paper on this Sweet Briar lekythos attributing it to the Tymbos Painter.

It always is heartening to welcome schoolchildren onto our beautiful campus, but for me, observing the generous voluntarism of our Sweet Briar docents is just as delightful as the smiles they generate in the 9-, 10-, and 11-year-olds. I am ever grateful to these community-spirited young women for their outreach to local children.

Musings from The Sweet Briar Museum

CHRISTIAN CARR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ARTS MANAGEMENT; DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM

We are fortunate at Sweet Briar to have myriad campus resources, from our historic landscape to our built environment, that function as laboratories for learning outside the classroom. Cultivating the Sweet Briar Museum as a site for this hands-on learning has been the driving force behind my directorship. Ann Marshall Whitley '47 took on the Herculean task of getting the museum up and running almost 20 years ago. My hat is off to her: it is no small thing to start a museum, especially with such a breadth of material to collect. Objects at the museum include memorabilia from Sweet Briar College's history, and also the rich, extensive 19th-century collections of the Fletcher-Williams family. Ann did us a great service by bringing this treasure trove together under one roof. Her activities laid the groundwork that we are building upon today with ongoing activities at the museum that create rich opportunities for student engagement.

Sweet Briar women are a cultured lot. I would guess that many of you are frequent visitors to your local museum, and make it a point to visit museums when you travel. We all have our favorite displays; even now, when I visit the Smithsonian, I always go to see the cavemen at the Natural History Museum. They have been there, getting progressively dustier, since I was a 1970s child visitor. They are always on display, frozen in time. But this is an anomaly in the museum world. Changing exhibitions are the catalyst driving visitation and supporting education. Therefore, when you visit the Sweet Briar Museum, especially if you haven't been here in a while, things may look very different than you remember. It's more than just cosmetic, though the gallery where alumnae memorabilia—your history—is displayed has been painted pink and green in homage to our college colors!

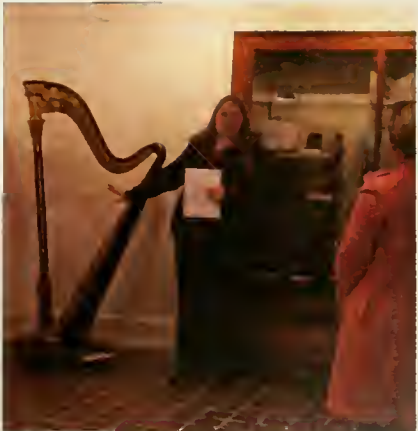
First, we must take into account our audience. While alumnae certainly are one of our primary audiences, you may be here once every five or ten years for Reunion (more often if we are lucky!). When you visit, I want you to see your favorite pieces from the collection, your very own cavemen, if you will. Whether it's one of Miss Indy's ivory fans, Daisy's silk walking dress, or a Chung Mung scrapbook, we must monitor the long-term preservation of our

irreplaceable collections. Just as you or I would be somewhat worn and weather-beaten if we were exposed to the elements day in and day out, our collections suffer from being on display for prolonged time periods. Periodically they must get out of the light and into a nice dark storeroom to recuperate from the effects of being on exhibition.

However, this gives us the opportunity to select more objects to display, which represent different pieces of Sweet Briar's history, and present fresh information as we uncover new stories about this special place. **Rotating collections and changing exhibitions are the key to engaging another primary segment of our audience: today's students.** One of the things I've been able to do, with Dean Jonathan Green's support, is hire student workers to staff the museum, allowing us to hold regular hours. The door is open and visitors are greeted by an informed museum worker five days a week, from 10 am–5 pm, when Sweet Briar is in session.

With these consistent open hours, we've seen an exponential increase in visitorship, largely through word of mouth: student workers tell friends about something cool or intriguing in the museum collections; their friends come to see it, and the word spreads. Do you want to know what a vasculum is, why amethysts were acceptable jewels for mourning, or how laundresses in the 19th-century kept the Fletchers' underthings white? Come to the museum! We regularly host class visits from a variety of campus disciplines: art history, psychology, business, history, and archaeology professors all have used our collections to illustrate different aspects of their curricula.

There are other benefits to student engagement besides increased foot traffic. The student workers also function as my museum staff. In addition to giving tours, they help with curatorial projects. They learn to use our environmental monitoring equipment to track temperature and humidity in display cases, and take high resolution digital photographs of objects in the collection. They are trained to catalogue and handle objects, and to use our computerized collections management system. As a result, the experience they get through campus employment is equivalent to that of an entry-level, professional museum position.



PHOTOS, L-r: Students in the inaugural class of "Curating, Collecting and Connoisseurship" listen intently as Christina Kingsley '02 points out the important features of an Empire card table. Kelly Rogers '06 discusses various items recovered from archaeological digs on Sweet Briar's campus. Emily Olson '07 gives a gallery talk explaining the difference between the material culture of childhood in the 19th century and today.

Carved detail of mahogany sofa,
one of a pair, American, c. 1820

Students serious about entering the museum field can get even more in-depth and structured experience through our Arts Management program. Each semester, I direct practicum projects for students. They may elect to complete a one-, two-, or three-credit practicum, working in the museum for 40, 80 or 120 hours, respectively. The academic component of these projects make them more than just a basic internship: these are tailored to the interests of individual students, who meet with me weekly to discuss their work, report on associated scholarly readings they've completed relative to their projects, and submit a progress report.

A sampling of past practicum projects includes a survey of Daisy's clothing by a history major planning to be a costumed interpreter at a historic site, thus scrutinizing the construction of 19th-century clothing; a study of Chinese export porcelain by a business major interested in the economic impact of the ceramics trade in 18th-century America; and an exhibition on Sweet Briar's May Day tradition by an exchange student from the Sorbonne who wanted the experience of curating a museum show, and came from a village in France where May Day is still an annual rite of spring.

Projects of this magnitude can be accompanied by an exhibition brochure providing a tangible piece of scholarship for students to add to their resumes in time for the all-important job applications. When our students wish to enter the museum world, this gives them a real advantage over other applicants. Setting us apart from other programs is the hands-on experience they garner at the museum; even in graduate programs, it is rare for master's students to have the opportunity to handle precious objects. Our students do this on a regular basis, as we have formal opportunities for them to hone their skills built into the academic curriculum.

Last spring, I taught for the fourth time the "Curating, Collecting and Connoisseurship" class, in which students become well-versed in skills mandatory for anyone entering the museum field or the world of fine arts. Using our collections as the focus, students learn about specific areas like condition assessment, furniture construction, label writing, and object installation, and demonstrate their knowledge by curating a final exhibition. Garnering this curatorial experience as undergraduates is a real feather in their caps, especially when applying for that first job. This model has created excitement in other academic museums worldwide. Last year, I presented a paper at the International Conference of Museums meeting in Mexico City based on this method of teaching and student engagement, and have since shared syllabi and strategies with colleagues from Latin America to Latvia.

Student-curated exhibitions are not the only ones presented at the museum. In Fall 2005, we kicked off the inaugural exhibition in what I hope will be an ongoing program of exhibitions from alumnae collections. During Homecoming festivities, Laura Hand Glover '86 lent some outstanding examples of Art Nouveau and Art Deco objects from her collection. It dovetailed perfectly with our decorative arts collections from the Fletcher-Williams family, which end about 1900, so we were able to extend the chronology through 1940. It also supported material from an Honors seminar I was teaching, "The History of the Interior." The opening drew people from all over the region. If you have a collection you would consider sharing, please let me know!



Recently we have begun showing traveling exhibitions organized by other museums, which is marvelous publicity for Sweet Briar College. Next up is *Gone With the Girdle*, from the Atlanta History Center, opening in Fall 2007. Last year, our museum was the only site in Virginia selected to host a traveling exhibition funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, *From Morning 'til Night: Domestic Servitude in the Gilded Age South*. It was a perfect fit with our history: Sweet Briar House is the epitome of a Southern mansion of the Gilded Age, right down to the back staircase used by servants. Students trained as docents for this exhibition, on display from September through December 2006. We offered educational programs tailored to the Virginia Standards of Learning as well, partnering with the Legacy Museum of African-American History in Lynchburg, to access a whole new audience. This relationship was formalized through a series of internships for SBC students at the Legacy Museum, thus extending the principle of the learning laboratory right down Highway 29 into Lynchburg.

We have expanded our offerings to the local community, and these partnerships that support what we're doing are bearing fruit in a number of ways. In May 2006, the museum hosted a gathering of area educators, primarily teachers from Amherst, Nelson and Rockbridge Counties and the Lynchburg City Schools. The purpose was to discuss ways in which we could serve as a learning laboratory for local students. We were supported in this unique, promising initiative by Virginia's Department of Historic Resources, headed by Kathleen Kilpatrick '74. More information about this exciting endeavor can be found in the article on Tusculum. I will also be joining the College's new initiative sponsored by the DuPont Foundation, Promoting Academic and Community Engagement (PACE). Through this program, the museum will serve as the fulcrum of student-facilitated projects to enrich the academic curriculum of local high schools.

Although you and our students comprise our primary audience, we are cognizant that Sweet Briar College is really the premier cultural institution in the area. As part of this mandate to serve local constituencies, The Sweet Briar Museum welcomes visitors from across the region, from a variety of backgrounds. You may have seen the article in a recent *Alumnae Magazine* about the Girl Scout programs at the museum: as of April, we have welcomed almost 1300 girls to the museum to participate in programs like Daisy's Day, African-American Heritage, and Japanese Culture, all based on facets of our collections. **Each of these 1300 girls is a potential Sweet Briar student.**

Please visit us. I'll be delighted to share with you all of the activities taking place through the museum, a learning laboratory where our students are producing very exciting results!

Tusculum: Its Past, Present And Future

CHRISTIAN CARR, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ARTS MANAGEMENT; DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM

One evening in April, a group of Sweet Briar College's faculty and senior staff crowded into the library at Sweet Briar House with a group of accomplished and dedicated preservationists. Included in this gathering were architectural historian Allen Chambers, husband of Bettye Thomas, Class of '62, restoration expert Travis McDonald from Poplar Forest, and Sweet Briar alumna and director of Virginia's Department of Historic Resources Kathleen Kilpatrick '74. The reason? A 250-year-old house, its pieces currently stored in the old dairy barns here on campus awaiting the time when they will be reassembled and the building—**Tusculum**—will take its place among the historic architecture that characterizes Sweet Briar's campus.



Tusculum at its original location

Dating back to the 1750s, it will be right at home here. It is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant dwellings in the Virginia Piedmont and the childhood home of Maria Crawford, wife of Elijah Fletcher and mother of Indiana Fletcher Williams, the founder of Sweet Briar College. In addition to Tusculum's relation to the College's past, it occupied an important place in local history, and many Amherst residents have fond memories of playing baseball on its extensive lawns on summer afternoons. But development of the surrounding land placed the house in harm's way, and a few years ago Kathleen Kilpatrick approached the College with a novel idea to dismantle the house completely, and re-erect it on Sweet Briar's



Kathleen Kilpatrick '74

Courtesy of Alyson L. Taylor-White, Virginia Review
campus. As a result of her vision, which was enthusiastically shared by President Muhlenfeld, this 18th-century house will join another Fletcher family home, Sweet Briar House, notable for its 19th-century architecture (largely 19th-century) and provide a welcome

addition to our 20th-century campus. This will create a microcosm of architectural history for the benefit of our students and the local community.

The purpose of the April meeting was to determine the best way to achieve this goal, and to ensure that after the process of reconstruction is complete, Tusculum will be more than just another historic house museum. Rather, it will become a significant educational resource for Sweet Briar College, and a model for preservationists nationwide. These plans, and discoveries made during the course of dismantling the house, will be shared fully during Homecoming Weekend 2007,

which will celebrate the architectural and ancestral homecoming of this Amherst County treasure.

TUSCULUM'S PAST

Tusculum, named for an ancient Roman town, was built in two stages: the initial house was built circa 1750 for David Crawford II and a large addition was added around 1805. William Sidney Crawford inherited the house and property from his grandfather sometime after 1762. William Crawford, who had been educated at Princeton and practiced law, was the Clerk of the Amherst County Courts, working out of the "master's office" on the Tusculum grounds. In 1772, his son William Harris Crawford was born at Tusculum and later held a string of distinguished offices, as a U.S. Senator, President Madison's Minister to France, Secretary of War, and Secretary of the Treasury. He was also a presidential candidate in 1824 in the famous four-way election against John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson.

In 1813, William Sidney Crawford's daughter Maria Antoinette married Elijah Fletcher, a young schoolteacher from Vermont. Elijah began operating

the Tusculum plantation upon his father-in-law's death in 1815 and eventually bought the property from the Crawford heirs. By 1819, Elijah Fletcher and his wife had moved to nearby Lynchburg, and he soon became one of its most prominent citizens. Between 1825 and 1841, Elijah published a Whig newspaper, *The Virginian*. He also served several terms on the Lynchburg town council and was elected mayor of the city in 1830 and 1832.

Elijah and Maria had four children, including Sweet Briar College's founder, Indiana. In 1830, the Fletcher family began spending time at their new Sweet Briar plantation, named by Maria Crawford Fletcher for the herbaceous Sweet Briar roses growing on the property (*Rosa Eglanteria*). While Sweet Briar is mentioned mostly as a summer residence, the family visited it and Tusculum all through the year. In corresponding with Crawford relatives in Kentucky, Elijah constantly remarked on the condition of Tusculum, the appearance of the garden, and the health of the slaves. It was obviously well loved by the

family. The Fletchers' eldest son Sidney began managing the Tusculum plantation in about 1841, between his various travels after college. Sidney returned to Tusculum again in 1849 and Elijah remarked: "Everything looks neat and Flourishes there. The prettiest crop of wheat I have seen anywhere this Spring. Sidney is a first-rate manager." Despite his education in medicine from Yale, Sidney Fletcher preferred farming and, after receiving the property from his parents in 1849, remained there until his death in 1898. He left the estate to his cousin John Jay Williams of New Jersey and Tusculum remained the home of the Williams family, underscoring its connection to Sweet Briar College, until its sale in 1987.

It was Sidney's younger sister, Indiana Fletcher Williams, who on her death in 1900 left the Sweet Briar property to be established as a college for girls. Ironically, Elijah Fletcher had remarked in 1845 that his daughters, upon their return from European travels, might be useful to society by establishing "a sort of a nunnery or a school at Tusculum...." This was in

response to his sister-in-law's remark "...that the quiet of Tusculum might be as interesting to a well ordered mind as the busy scenes of Paris." Indiana had in fact been well educated at the Georgetown Visitation Convent in Washington, which her father referred to as a "nunnery." It may well have been this reference by Elijah that later inspired his daughter Indiana to found a college in memory of her daughter Daisy.

TUSCULUM'S PRESENT

With its survival in its original location uncertain, Tusculum was offered for sale by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities with the stipulation that the buyer move the house to a new site. Totalling approximately 5000 square feet of living space, Tusculum is unusual for the central Virginia area in that it is a Georgian-style dwelling built of clapboard, rather than of more common brick. It can be difficult to determine what makes a house historic rather than just old, but architectural details such as an open-air, L-shaped corridor are ornamented by an

unusual scalloped bargeboard connecting the original section to the addition, creating an indoor-outdoor space unlike any other in antebellum Virginia. Also rare is the fact that all of the original trim and hardware are intact and will be used in the restoration, including the mantels, chair rails, doors, flooring, and an especially fine Georgian staircase. Tusculum has already been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflecting the Federal Government's recognition of its historical and architectural significance. In a further acknowledgement of the suitability of Sweet Briar's campus as a permanent home, Tusculum will retain this designation even after it is rebuilt, a distinction shared by only a handful of houses in Virginia.

The work of dismantling and documenting each and every piece of Tusculum was entrusted to Timothy Robinson, the owner of Heartland Millwork and Restoration, who has spent almost 30 years working with historic houses. Robinson's local connections, as well as his professional reputation, made



PHOTOS, LEFT TO RIGHT

The house being dismantled.

Timothy Robinson, owner and president of Heartland Millwork and Restoration.

A worker cleans bricks which will be used in reconstruction.



him the perfect candidate for this painstaking process. He grew up right next door to Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, in the era before its restoration began. Other recent projects have been carried out at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange County, and for the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Virginia. Despite these distinguished projects, Robinson was greatly impressed by what he found at Tusculum, noting that the house's huge beams, weighing three or four tons each, were meticulously crafted with such tools as the broad ax, block plane and two-man pit saw. "Every time I get into one of these things, I'm just stunned at how well they are constructed, this one in particular," he said.

The process yielded up architectural clues like Roman numerals carved on the framework so the builder could ensure each board was properly placed. Bricks were revealed with the initials of the builders or owners etched into them. The quality and height of the wainscoting indicated the social stature of the occupants, as did the number of panes in the nine-

over-nine windows, an obvious indicator of wealth. These bricks and panes of glass, along with all of the other pieces of this extraordinary house were all meticulously (painstakingly) labeled and currently reside in one of the unused dairy barns on campus.

Homecoming 2007 presents the opportunity to showcase this unique project. An Alumnae College presentation devoted to Tusculum will be held on Saturday, September 22, from 2 pm–5 pm. This is a must-attend event, as Sweet Briar will unveil the details of its plans for the Tusculum Institute, the result of an innovative public-private partnership between Virginia's Department of Historic Resources and the College, which will serve as a regional resource center for preservation issues.

TUSCULUM'S FUTURE: THINK GREEN!

The addition of another historic structure to the campus was cause for an internal discussion about its use. Virginia is full of historic house museums, and while these institutions form an important part of our common cultural

heritage, it was felt that we were presented with the opportunity to do something more. Our recent campaign to encourage prospective students to "Think Pink!" has been incredibly successful, and now when people think of Sweet Briar, we'd like the other school color to spring to mind: Green! The College has developed a plan to reuse the building as the Tusculum Institute to encourage the study and appreciation of local architecture, and educate the public about preservation and adaptive reuse as a useful and preferable alternative to demolition or new construction. In essence, we want to spread the message that buildings can be recycled like pop bottles and newspapers. This focus builds naturally upon Sweet Briar's past successes in recycling its historic buildings for new purposes, including the dairy barns, which are now art studios, the train station, which now houses classrooms, and a former water treatment facility at the lake that has been refitted as a wet lab for the Environmental Studies program.

The Tusculum Institute will provide a dynamic link with

existing academic programs, including those in Education and the Sciences to History and Archaeology, and also host lectures and short summer courses on preservation from visiting faculty. These initiatives will ensure that the college museum's established role as a steward of our built heritage continues to expand into a model to be followed outside of our local community, benefiting residents of our region, state and country. Sweet Briar's dedication to seeing this project through to completion demonstrates the strong commitment by the College to preserving history and tradition while remaining relevant to today's needs. Its addition to our campus will reaffirm the College's role in embracing innovative education, showing that historic buildings can play dynamic teaching roles rather than serving solely as examples of architecture, albeit exceptionally fine ones.

We invite you to join us during Homecoming 2007 to learn more about this extraordinary endeavor.



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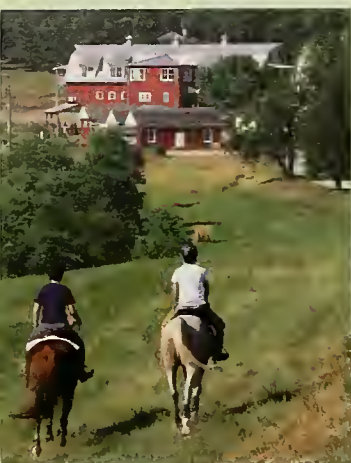
Tens of thousands of bricks were carefully preserved during the deconstruction of Tusculum.

The markings on the beams were used by the builder to put everything together in the correct order.

Ports and pieces of Tusculum await reconstruction.

Sweet Briar College Riding Program: Equitation outside the Ring

SHELBY FRENCH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND
DIRECTOR OF THE RIDING PROGRAM



Two students enjoy a ride along the Dairy Loop overlooking the new arts barn.

Our magnificent 3,250-acre campus with its 16 miles of trails allows the Sweet Briar College Riding Program to stand out among top competitors. While the majority of riding programs in the United States focus on hunter seat equitation, Sweet Briar's campus allows us to reflect the "roots" of this sport, which grew out of the traditions of foxhunting and jumping horses in fields over natural obstacles. As urban sprawl decreases our nation's open land, many riders who attend the College have had little or no exposure to riding outside of a manicured ring.

Sweet Briar's continued emphasis on our heritage of field

riding offers students a rare opportunity to become bold and versatile riders. Cantering up and down hills and over jumps can be intimidating initially, but once students are exposed to this aspect of the sport, many of them fall in love with it.

Adventures that our riders have had exploring the land as part of a class or the Fall Field Team are primary topics of conversation at the Alumnae Rides held during Reunion each spring. We continue to host Hunter Trials during Families Weekend each fall, followed by a Hunter Pace and Poker Ride in early November.

The land also allows us to provide "recreational" riding opportunities along with our strong competitive program. The annual Halloween Ride, Easter Egg Hunt, and May Day Scavenger Hunt are highlights of the organized weekend rides that we offer throughout the fall and late spring each year. They provide a wonderful opportunity for interaction between the advanced riders, who serve as trail guides, and the beginner and novice riders in the program.

Program growth has driven our facility additions as well. Over the past three years we have expanded our horse housing capacity from 63 to 86. Generous gifts to the program have supported these expansions.

Other gifts have allowed us to increase our fenced turnout, adding 42 more acres of paddocks and larger fields; provide covered wash racks for the East and West wings of the main stable complex; and place a roof over our lunging pen. One of the most exciting additions has been the new truck and six-horse trailer that has allowed us to venture farther afield for competitive events.

Such gifts have allowed us to make the most of the expansive campus we have for horses and people to use. Happy, healthy horses and confident riders are a significant factor in the success of our program, and the many opportunities the land provides foster these qualities in all of our participants.



Sweet Briar's Environmental Education Center

SHEILA ALEXANDER, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION
COORDINATOR

The old Water Plant, built in the early 1900s, is now a nature center that allows the Sweet Briar and Amherst communities to learn more about the beauty, trails, and natural history of Sweet Briar College and the Central Virginia area. The Environmental Education Center provides a modern facility for Sweet Briar students as well as local K-12 teachers and their students. **The Center's Houston Environmental Research Laboratory contains sophisticated instrumentation for the study of the environment.**

The Water Plant, dating from the earliest days of the College, was renovated in 2003 as an environmental education/nature center, environmental laboratory, and faculty office. The lab is equipped with extensive water, soil, wastewater, and sediment sampling equipment including N-Con composite samplers, macroinvertebrate samplers, and specialized water collection devices. Hach 4000 UV/Vis and Vis spectrophotometers, Agilent 1100 high performance liquid chromatograph with

diode array and fluorescence detectors, a Hewlett Packard gas chromatograph with mass selective detector, a Perkin-Elmer 800 atomic absorption spectrometer, a Turner Systems TD-20 luminometer, a BIOLOG microbial identification system, and much more.

The Nature Center displays interesting biological and geological exhibits.

Maintained and set up by the Environmental Studies Department, the Environmental Education Center maximizes the use of our extraordinary campus for our own students as well as those in the surrounding communities. This project was graciously supported by alumnae Molly Johnson Nelson ('64), Anne Stuckel Houston ('46), and The Beirne Carter Foundation. We extend our thanks to our alumnae for their generosity and vision for the future.

Doing the Right Thing:

Sweet Briar Signs the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

MICHELLE LURCH-SHAW, DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

"It was the right thing to do—both educationally and in service to our future," said Sweet Briar President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld when asked why she signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

The College is a charter signatory to the commitment—a pledge to become climate neutral. According to the ACUPCC Web site, this means "having no net greenhouse gas emissions." Colleges are supposed to get there "by minimizing greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible and using carbon offsets or other measures to mitigate the remaining emissions."

Organizers of the initiative say they seek the commitment of 200 college and university presidents by June 2007. They are more than half way there, but the debate about global warming remains heated.

In a recent sermon, the founder and chancellor of the area's largest private college, Liberty University, called the focus on global warming "endless hysteria and alarmism."

The United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change disagrees. In a report released in February, the panel of international scientists concluded that there is more than a 90-percent certainty that humans contribute to global warming.

And then there is former Vice President Al Gore's Academy Award-winning documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth." Supporters laud Gore

for raising public awareness of climate change. Detractors say there are scientific inaccuracies in the film and that Gore's analysis of the impacts of global warming are exaggerated and alarmist.

The verbal sparring between supporters and skeptics is enough to make the average person dizzy. At Sweet Briar however, the debate is over.

"One wonders why we [the United States] are still debating when scientists world-wide have stopped debating," Muhlenfeld said.

The Commitment calls for signatories to take a leadership role in addressing global warming. Environmental Studies Professor Rob Alexander said it is fitting that the nation's colleges and universities take on this role.

"There is no one else who can make a statement with the authority of the nation's colleges and universities. We are the ones who really understand what is going on. We are the ones who are supposed to be intellectually honest enough to face reality even when it's not comfortable."

And participating in the Climate Commitment may not be comfortable for Sweet Briar. The College could have difficulty meeting some of the requirements due to its size and the age of the campus buildings, many of which were built in the early part of the 20th century. Participation may also require significant capital investment over the next decade—funds that are not currently part of the College's operating budget. Muhlenfeld said

Adjunct Professor of Piano, Nathan Currier, Spreads Global Warming Awareness

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Sweet Briar College is pleased to have Dr. Nathan Currier on campus at a time when global warming awareness is an issue on the College agenda. As President Muhlenfeld signed the Climate Commitment, Dr. Currier's presence became an important part of Sweet Briar's dynamic educational community as his interests lie in science and art. **Not only did this Julliard graduate spend much of his professional life composing music uniquely propelled by a scientific mentality, he also attended the Climate Project training seminar in Nashville, TN, with Al Gore.** Dr. Currier is now considered one of Gore's "cavalry," armed with passion, knowledge, and a sense of duty to improve the world.

Already, Sweet Briar has put his knowledge and talents to use. Dr. Currier gave a talk to students, faculty, and staff regarding global warming before a theater performance of *Endgame*, a play by Samuel Beckett focused on the end of human civilization. In Sweet Briar's production, directed by Professor of Theater and Dance Geoffrey Kershner, the end was interpreted as being the result of global warming.

Dr. Currier is part of Sweet Briar's new Climate Initiative.

The Sweet Briar Observatory

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The Sweet Briar Observatory, equipped with a 12" diameter Meade reflecting telescope, is located behind the upper lake. Students use the observatory during the academic year when an astronomy class is being taught. Viewing nights are also scheduled for the SBC community and the general public.



Photo by Suzanne Kenney

she expects any required funds to come from donations and grants.

Despite the challenges, she was encouraged to sign the Commitment. "I would love for Sweet Briar to participate in this initiative because it shows leadership and forward-thinking in what is probably the most significant environmental issue of this century," Rebecca Ambers, assistant professor of environmental science wrote in an e-mail.

Alexander was equally supportive of Sweet Briar's participation and said the real value of the Presidents Climate Commitment may not be in achieving the agreement's targets.

"The most important impact of this commitment isn't in the actual reduction of greenhouse gases used by the College, but is in communicating to our students and the community at large that we must all address this issue," he said. "If colleges start doing this, then businesses may follow. Then individuals may follow as well. Someone has to be first."

A steering committee has met once, and will again in April, to flesh out a long-range action plan to implement the Commitment. So far, it has identified five areas that will underpin the plan. These include land use, student and community engagement, an emissions inventory, and a mechanism to make the action plan, inventory and any progress reports publicly available.

"We will have to take small steps and then some big ones," Muhlenfeld said. "As we build new buildings, this Commitment will keep us focused on energy efficiency. And we will explore ways to further reduce our energy consumption."

Within two years of signing the Commitment, the College is expected to set a target date for "achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible" and to develop a plan to make climate change and sustainability not only a part of the curriculum, but a part of students' other educational experiences as well.

The College has been working on improving its energy efficiency since 2000. The Physical Plant department has insulated attics and pipes, retrofitted lighting, and added new heating and cooling systems. SBC's Director of Physical Plant, Steve Bailey, told the student newspaper. These changes have reduced total energy consumption on campus by 22 percent.

Achieving climate neutrality will require bolder steps and the biggest challenge may be in changing perceptions.

"This [reducing greenhouse emissions] is going to require a change in mindset by many people," said Tim Kasper, steering committee member and director of the Institute for Sustainability and Environmental Education. "It will be a long and slow process, but if approached from enough angles and in the proper way—it can be done."

Sweet Briar Students' Engineering Project to Bring Running Water to Rural Guatemalan School Project challenges attitudes women have about engineering

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A small rural boarding school for seventh- to ninth-graders in the mountains of Guatemala may hold one answer to improving the number of women in engineering here in the United States.

Eight Sweet Briar College students will visit the school in May on an engineering trip where they've committed to build a water storage tank and a brick enclosure, called a spring box, to secure a natural spring. They also hope to connect the spring box to the storage tank with a pump that can be operated by hand or electrically. The goal is to help provide access to clean running water for the 64 students who attend the boarding school.

The project has Sweet Briar sophomore Meredith Newman seeing engineering in a whole new light—and rethinking her major in sociology.

The engineering project that has Newman so excited is the focus of an interdisciplinary course called *Technology and Society: A Global Perspective*. She said she originally registered for the course because it satisfied two general education requirements and "sounded interesting." At the time, she didn't know she'd be heading to Guatemala.

Newman is emblematic of the many female students who don't consider engineering as a career. The reason, experts say, is because they don't see engineering as a way to help others.

"I want to go out there and make a difference," Newman said. I thought I'd do it through teaching and coaching, but being an engineer would be a way to potentially make a really big difference."

Engineering major Sarah Smiley '09 agrees. "With engineering you can apply it to real life situations and can really help people. We're going to give running water to all these people—really help them, not just give them money."

Nationwide, only 10% of engineers are women. Experts argue that if the United States is to remain competitive with other countries, more women and minorities must be encouraged to join the profession. **Sweet Briar is one of only two women's colleges in the nation to offer degree programs in engineering.**

"I'm pretty excited about the class. It's my favorite one," said Newman. "It's making me second-guess my major."

"I took physics in high school," she said. "My teacher told me to look into being an engineer. I didn't know what it really entailed. I like math but didn't have a good experience in middle school. I got it in my head that math was a problem. With this class, I'm looking back and rethinking."

Newman, Smiley, six other students and three Sweet Briar professors will spend about two weeks at the school in Xix,



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Engineering students break ground on February 21

Chajul, El Quiché, one of the areas hardest hit by Guatemala's 36-year civil war. Recently, students and professors from the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, North Carolina State University and Lynchburg College have also signed onto the project.

The school is run by Foundations for Education, a nonprofit scholarship program that aims to improve educational opportunities for Mayan youth.

Jim Durand, the trip leader and SBC associate professor of engineering, said several groups have visited the school but none have successfully finished a project.

"We went in with the idea that we were going to meet and listen to what the school administrators wanted," Durand

said. "The classic error is to go in and tell the people what you think they need."

They listened to Foundations for Education manager Ramelle Gonzales, who "just wanted some simple things finished," Durand said.

"The building of the spring box will help to protect the water from being contaminated," Gonzales said. "Unfortunately the [2-acre] school grounds are not surrounded by a fence and the people from the village pass through the grounds on a daily basis with up to 20 sheep each."

But the team hopes to do more. They want to finish a water tank started by another group and then connect the spring box to the tank with a pump system so the school has running water all year.

"Rainy season up at the school is normally from May until December," Gonzales wrote in an e-mail. "The few months that are dry soak up all the water. When the people run out of their water sources they take water from the springs at the school."

"If we finish the water tank, then they can store and test the water," Durand explained. "If we can connect the spring and the tank, the school will have running water all year."

"Unfortunately we won't have running water to use while we are there working on the project," Durand said, laughing. "We will be pretty much immersed in the realities of daily life that these people face. It'll be challenging and a great learning experience."

To prepare, Newman and her classmates built a full-scale prototype of the storage tank and spring box on campus.

Newman's enthusiasm for the project is palpable.

"I brought my sketches and notes to Professor Durand the other day," she said. "I spent two hours on the sketches. It was really fun. And he looked at them and asked, 'So, Meredith, why aren't you an engineering major?'"

Newman recently added a minor in engineering to her academic program.

Creating a Sense of Beauty and Community:

Donna Meeks, Grounds Superintendent

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As they arrive on campus in the spring, guests drive beneath a canopy of tree branches, beside daffodils blooming near lampposts, and past a fountain splashing water beside a bed of tulips. Stone benches await guests underneath rosebud and crabapple trees. Azaleas line the roadways and cherry trees bloom in Daisy's Garden at Sweet Briar House. Such an inviting landscape gives the impression of having been tended with a gingerly touch, not forced into shape. Visitors, residents, faculty, staff, and students find that Sweet Briar is a haven of natural beauty that inspires thought and conversation ideal for a college campus. This beauty is largely due to the work of an unsung staff led by Grounds Superintendent Donna Meeks. Donna's talents reach beyond maintaining the campus grounds, now in the full blossom of spring. Bringing people and nature together, she helps to foster the wholesome quality of Sweet Briar's campus that has convinced many to attend, visit, and return.

Donna juggles multiple projects to nurture the land properly and keep it in good condition for its many uses. "Planning two months ahead keeps me going," Donna remarks as she anticipates the new challenges each season will bring. Year-round, she and her crew maintain the roadways, landscape the entrance way, trim and cut new trails, keep the fields and fencing in good repair, and tend to all the gardens on campus. They gather litter, pull weeds, prune trees, spread mulch, clean up after contractors, set up for events, and remove trash when many campus residents are still eating breakfast. On winter mornings, when snow and ice begin to fall and we reach for our radios to hear the news, Donna's crew is already spreading salt and plowing roadways. As she participates in ongoing maintenance and new projects, Donna's hands are always in her work, nurturing and creating beauty and efficiency. **Through her direction, she ensures that the campus is made safe, grounds are kept refreshed and fertile, and a friendly relationship is sustained between people and the land.**

Because many departments use the main campus, trails, and fields, Donna collaborates with faculty and staff to accomplish their goals. Working together, they have completed projects like the Community Garden, the Sweet Briar Plantation Burial Ground, and the trail system. Preparing the land is a laborious job, and weather often does not cooperate, but Donna feels the effort is "instantly gratifying." After completing a project, she finds that the rewards are worth the hours spent building, repairing, and cleaning. During working hours, people strike friendships with each other and the land. "Sweet Briar is a community and a family," Donna says, "everybody is working toward doing positive things."

The history of the campus is important in understanding the needs Donna and her team

must fill. Living nearby for many years, she watched the land cycle through drastic changes. In 1994, when the Dairy Farm ceased to operate, the property began to transform. Cows no longer trimmed the edges of the fields and made use of the acreage; this added responsibilities to the grounds crew and urged them to find new uses for the fields. Since then, the land has become a resource for those on- and off-campus. Area farmers rent the hay fields, Donna and her crew keep the edges clean and cut, acres have been converted to athletic fields, buildings and renovations have added to the overall appearance and resourcefulness. The end of the Dairy Farm marked a historic change, "the end of an era," in Donna's words.

The death of two of our ancient campus trees has affected the more recent history of Sweet Briar and the work of the Grounds Crew. "We just lost the Honey Locust in the President's yard and the Fletcher Oak last year," says Donna, two that had been living on campus since its earlier days. However, changes are not always of loss. "We're beginning new plantings," Donna says. Flowers are replenished with "two changes per year," as Donna works with campus events to create color schemes for a welcoming appearance.

Perhaps Donna's understanding of nature, resource, and beautification comes from the hours she spends on horseback, riding the trails up the mountains of Nelson County; or from her love of music, a game of coordinating tones, patterns, and timing to create beauty. Living a professional life full of work on the land and a home life filled with outdoor hobbies and creativity, she successfully achieves her campus goals for the beautification and maintenance of the grounds and her goal, as the leader of her staff, to convey the idea that "this is home."



Donna Meeks, Grounds Superintendent



Photo by Suzanne Ramsey

Glenton Goodwill, SBC Catering Chef

Glenton's training began with basic culinary classes at the Bethel Vocational Training Institute in Jamaica, and continued at the Herbert Morrison Technical College in the West Indies where he received his culinary arts degree. To strengthen his training, he took classes at the Caribbean Institute of Hotel Management in Bermuda. He has worked in some of the top resorts in the Caribbean and the United States. Beginning as an apprentice at the Round Hill Hotel in Jamaica, he quickly moved into the position of Chef Tournant, the chef skilled in all stations of a resort kitchen. At Hedonism II, Jamaica, he served as the Sous Chef. He was the Executive Chef at the Boonsboro Country Club in Lynchburg and The Pointe Restaurant and Conference Center in Huddleston, VA. He says of himself that he readily accepts new challenges, which, no doubt, has led him into such highest ranking roles.

At home, Glenton has his own "cooking family," with wife Vickie, a pastry chef and owner of the Drowsy Poet café on Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg. They have three children: two boys (Courtney, 10 and David, 18 months) and one girl (Evelyn, 4). "I think of my kids to manage stress," he says when asked about the stress level of such demanding work. Because so many things are going on at once in a professional kitchen, "you have to really love it." After 35 years (and counting) in the food industry, Glenton remarks about his art: **"It's the best thing in the world when someone says, 'I love your food.'"**

Glenton Goodwill, Sweet Briar Catering Chef

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Sweet Briar's new Catering Chef, Glenton Goodwill, is spicing up the menu for Sweet Briar Catering. Born into "a cooking family," Glenton's Jamaican roots are peppered with memories of making and enjoying traditional food. He remembers his grandmother cooking jerk chicken, serving *ackee* (a Jamaican fruit), and preparing curried goat (a Jamaican party favorite). Food is something beyond taste and enjoyment for Glenton; it's a heritage to continue, a legacy in which he participates. "Back there," he says, "a chef was like a god." A magic element accompanied the task of transforming ingredients into food rich in flavor and uniting

in quality. With a cultural background steeped in the importance of coming together over food and with excellent training experience through various culinary institutions and fine resorts, Glenton arrived at Sweet Briar as a passionate cook who easily adapted to his position. Having served dinners to guests numbering as few as two and as many as one thousand, Glenton is well prepared for the multitude of special events held on campus. We're pleased to welcome him into the Sweet Briar community.

Glenton brought his Jamaican traditions with him through culinary school where he developed his own style.

During school, he "fell in love with sauces" made from meat and wine. He discovered how the European use of wine makes a wonderful complement to Jamaican spice. "I call it European style with Jamaican flair," he says. There's a balance to reach between the two, and from this balance he invents masterful recipes of creativity and refined taste. "I love to use in-season foods. In the kitchen, you'll find all kinds of fresh herbs and spices," he tells of his workplace. Glenton's commitment to quality food and making use of local markets and fresh spices makes his creations special. Mixing ingredients isn't simply cooking for Glenton, it's art.

Pat Hutto, Manager of the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center

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Photo by Suzanne Ramsey/
Pat Hutto greets professionals, students, and guests who visit the Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center with her distinctive British accent and upbeat personality. As manager, Pat maintains a positive attitude toward her work and helps to create a welcoming atmosphere that extends throughout a visitor's Sweet Briar experience. The constant come-and-go of company is a joy to Pat and has been an integral part of her life from a young age. As an adolescent in Great Britain, she helped her parents run their bed-and-breakfast. There, she learned to make true

Pat Hutto, Manager of the Elston Inn and Conference Center

English scones, to manage a reservation calendar, and to greet guests with cheer as they arrive. Later, Pat opened her own English tea room with her husband in the United States. Her private collection of 75 teapots testifies to her passion for classic enjoyment of food and conversation.

Pat has been a familiar face on campus for some time, first employed as a dispatcher for the Department of Safety from 1998–2001, and then as Supervisor of the Inn from 2001–2003. As the Wailes Center and Elston Inn expanded into the full-fledged Conference Center of today, she took on the role of manager in 2003. Her life is now a balancing act of coordinating calendars, events, and daily meetings. Organization is a continual learning process as new requests are posed with each special event.

Recent improvements have increased use of the Inn and Conference Center by faculty, staff, students, and outside groups. Inn rooms have been upgraded with wireless internet, new furniture and wallpaper; new carpet has been laid in the Conference Center. Audio visual

equipment also has been upgraded. With new marketing strategies in place, Pat predicts that the facilities will become an even more desirable resource for public use. "It's now becoming a profitable venture," Pat says. **"We're booked all year round. And over 60 percent of weddings are those of alumnae returning to celebrate."** The other 40 percent are local. News about the Inn is spreading by word of mouth. The campus makes a perfect wedding package with the option of the Boat House for the rehearsal dinner, the Sweet Briar Chapel for the ceremony, the Inn to house guests, and the Conference Center for the reception." To Pat, the prospect of more demand for the Conference Center is very promising.

When it comes to juggling calendars and tasks, Pat is constantly on her toes. Coordinating three groups of staff, including the Information Center and Florence Elston Inn Front Desk, Catering, and Housekeeping, is a great challenge. "Keeping the staff happy and working as a team," is at the top of her priority list. Members of Pat's staff must work with speed, efficiency, and quality to put on an enjoyable event. From setting up chairs and skirting tables, to pouring drinks and sautéing vegetables, the staff often turns over two and three special events in a weekend. Such a job is not without surprises: all must be able to improvise as unforeseen problems arise. Pat explained one instance when the staff pulled together during a power outage at a Board of Directors meeting. They stoked fires in the fireplaces, brought out candles, and the meeting continued. Several Board members were disappointed when the power came back! To Pat, snags in the plan are only challenges to overcome and inspire growth for the future.

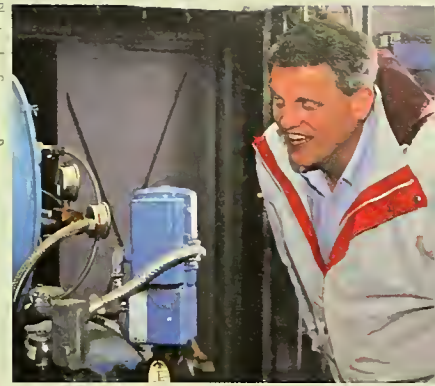
The Florence Elston Inn and Conference Center is a place of constant motion, where the reconfiguration of chairs, tables, lighting, color scheme, floral arrangements, food offerings, and equipment are ongoing. Pat's challenge to multitask and to always hold that smile is something she embraces each day. "I love meeting people, and I love Sweet Briar's campus," Pat says. These are her favorite aspects of her busy profession.



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Steve Bailey, Director of Physical Plant

Steve's dedication to progress and helping others is reflected in his life outside of work as well. In addition to his position at Sweet Briar, he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and the president of Rebuilding Together * Amherst/Nelson, Inc., an organization that performs renovations for elderly, disabled, and low income homeowners. With over 300 volunteers, Rebuilding Together (formerly called Christmas In April) repairs 10–15 homes annually on the last Saturday in April. Many of these homes are in grave disrepair. The mission of the organization is to preserve and revitalize these homes and communities, assuring that low-income homeowners live in warmth, safety, and independence. Sweet Briar is privileged to have Steve, a resource for outreach and leadership in his community, as a member of our campus community.

Steve's involvement in outside organizations as well as his exceptional work at Sweet Briar proves that project management is not just a job to Steve; it's a passion and a rewarding way of life.

Project Management: a passion and a rewarding way of life

Steve Bailey, Director of Physical Plant

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Steve Bailey, director of Physical Plant Operations since August 2005, is an asset to Sweet Briar College, and plays an integral part in its everyday function. His efforts and the work of his staff make the College an enjoyable place for all. Born in Amherst County, Steve has been familiar with Sweet Briar for many years. He began to truly appreciate the campus when he started dating his wife, Susan Parr Bailey '81.

Steve oversees the six departments of Physical Plant: Power Plant, Grounds, Housekeeping, Carpenter Shop, Telecom, and the Post Office. Fixing broken items, turning on air conditioning, cleaning buildings, and day-to-day maintenance of the campus are

some of the constant demands he and his staff address. In a place where change occurs every day and where each season adds new events to the college calendar, needs must be met quickly and with attention to quality work and efficiency. Fortunately, project management is Steve's expertise, and is to him "the most enjoyable part of the job." **He manages all kinds of campus projects from building upgrades to new building construction and attributes much of his own success to his willing staff.** "The employees of Physical Plant are the best group of people I've ever had the privilege to work with. They have a tough job, and they

are dedicated to ensuring that the College runs smoothly. I appreciate their efforts."

Major changes to the campus have occurred in the two years Steve has led the Physical Plant staff. Renovations to the Campus School, the new gym project, and the Arts Barn have had positive impacts on the community. The Campus School now has new floors and nicer classrooms. Sweet Briar students and visiting athletic groups enjoy training on better fields. The new Arts Barn is an innovative use of space already available to the College. "It feels good to accomplish so many things," Steve says, "the challenge is to make continual improvement."



FROM TOP:

Dance Professor Mark Magruder teaches dance techniques to students

Kids In College enjoy the soccer field

Children launch catapults during the 2006 Kids In College program

Kids In College

SBC hosts fifth annual "Kids In College" program, a summer enrichment curriculum for 3rd–8th-graders, in June. Led by faculty, staff, alumnae, others, the program offers fun-filled educational experiences, with invigorating exploration of topics in the arts and sciences.

Lynchburg, Amherst, and Nelson County students select two classes to participate in each morning during week-long program. Small classes (10-12 students per class) allow personal attention, guidance through a variety of fascinating study areas.

THE 2007 CLASS ROSTER INCLUDES:

Art and Architecture. Make a mosaic on a Mac computer; design a dream dorm; plan home renovations; paint a self-portrait; create a stained glass window; take an architectural treasure hunt. Explore the world of art and architecture. Instructor: Christian Carr, Director of the SBC Museum/Assistant Professor, Arts Management.

Beading 101. Admire beautiful beadwork on American Indian clothes? Make a necklace like one seen on a Sioux warrior in the movies! Learn the basic stitch ("basket weave"). Instructor: Patricia Trout, Housekeeper, Sweet Briar House.

Chess. Learn to play a great game. Beginners and up welcome. Instructor: Kevin Phelps, Director, Dining Services.

Creative Choreography and Dance. Learn ballet, jazz, modern dance. Make up dances. Find out what it's all about! Instructor: Samantha Angus, SBC '05.

Creative Embroidery. Decorate clothing with embroidery. Create designs, use needle and thread to transform a plain T-shirt into a one-of-a-kind item. Instructor: Cynthia Fein, Secretary, Dean's Office.

Fitness FUNDamentals. How to get in shape like college and professional athletes: covers fitness and nutrition. Instructor: Shelly Taylor, Head Athletic Trainer.

German for Kids. Games, songs, media, activities teach German vocabulary, expressions, culture. Focus on listening, speaking, reading, writing. Program can fit the level of each child's German knowledge and age. Instructor: Tiffany Cummings, Director, International Studies.

Imaginative Improv. Games and role playing, explore the creative process of theatrical improv. (Grades 3–6) Instructor: Geoffrey Kershner, Adjunct Instructor, Theatre & Dance.

Introduction to Golf. Introduction to fundamentals of golf for all ability levels, emphasis on safety, fun. Includes grip, posture, alignment, balance, golf course etiquette. Instructor: Blaise Whittle, Administrative Assistant, Physical Education.

Karate KIC: An Introduction to Black Belt Leadership Training. Teaches how to become leaders at home, school, in the community. Martial Arts teach more than kicking, blocking, punching. Students learn life skills (confidence, goal setting, self-discipline, integrity, Black Belt Attitude) while having fun. Includes facts on nutrition, physical fitness, importance of healthy activity. Instructor: Amanda Schwink '03, Chief Instructor, Amherst Karate Academy.

Knitting. For beginners and those with knitting experience. No required project; teacher has project ideas for those starting out. Make a scarf, hat, or even a dog sweater! Instructor: Tiffany Cummings, Director, International Studies.

Learn to Play the Piano. Play favorite pop tunes, hymns, songs in our state-of-the-art piano lab. Learn basic chords, rhythms, note-reading. Instructor: Anna Billias, SBC Choir Accompanist.

Learn to Tap Dance. Class teaches love of all that is tap. Learn basics, feel the rhythm! Instructor: Julia Pleasants, W&L '08, daughter of Craig and Sheila Pleasants (Virginia Center for the Creative Arts).

Nature Explorers. "Walk on the wild side," exploring SBC's vast natural landscape. Visit old forests, young fields, marshes, meadows, streams, ponds in search of wild creatures, plants and nature's mysterious outdoors (Grades 6–8). Instructor: Michael Hayslett, Adjunct Professor, Environmental Studies.

Old-Time Banjo Music Fun. Learn basic method of Old Time or "clawhammer" style banjo playing, simple tunes (including Civil War songs), plus some accompanying instruments (jawharp, bones, jug). Team-taught by SBC musicians. Students treated to mini-concert or jam. Instructor: Michael Hayslett, Adjunct Professor, Environmental Studies.

Outdoor Adventure Skills. Learn orienteering, fire building, constellation navigation, knot tying, camp crafts, outdoor leadership (Grades 3–5). Instructor: Jaan Lucy, Director, Leadership Certificate Program, Co-Curricular Life.

Pinhole Photography. Make a working camera from an empty box; develop pictures in a real darkroom. Instructor: Nancy McDearman, Registrar Assistant, SBC Art Gallery.

Sleuthing the Truth. Learn forensic techniques to solve mini crimes: fingerprinting, ink analysis, other techniques used by crime scene investigators to find the truth. Instructor: Todd Anderson, Science Instructor, James River Day School.

Soccer Fun with Coach Shaw. Basics of soccer in a "team-oriented" environment. Individual skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control, team skills of ball possession addressed. Instructor: Paul Shaw, Lecturer/Chair, Physical Education/Varsity Soccer Coach.

The Art of the Fake Fight. Using the art of "stage combat" students learn to fall, roll, and fake their way through a fight! (Grades 7–8) Instructor: Geoffrey Kershner, Adjunct Instructor, Theatre & Dance.

Where in the World? Explore physical geography, local customs of several countries around the world, and "strange, but true" facts for each. Learn what daily life is like for children living there, sample different foods! Instructor: Jill Gavitt '97, Assistant Director, Admissions/Special Program Recruitment.

YOU Can Save the Earth. Investigate environmental problems of human population growth and natural resource consumption using simple demonstrations, hands-on experiments, group discussions. Examine sustainable resource use, think globally, act locally with group challenges and eco-crafts. Some homework assignments. Indoor and outdoor activities. (Grade: 3–5) Instructor: Tanya Van Haak, Entomologist/Manarch Butterfly Conservation Biologist/Research Assistant in Biology.



The Time is Now!

HEIDI MCCRORY, VICE
PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Women's sports and the value placed on female fitness and physical wellbeing have taken a dramatic turn, especially in the last 20 years. Today Sweet Briar students come to campus considering athletics and fitness as integral parts of their lives. Transforming our 75-year-old gymnasium into a modern fitness and athletics complex echoes the transformation of women's roles in our culture. The change is a physical affirmation of the strength and power of women whose education accepts no limits. The time for a new facility is *now*.

Growing a young woman's leadership and teamwork skills through sports is invaluable to her lifelong success, a benefit repeatedly proven through studies. Moreover, students build and cement their permanent Sweet Briar relationships—those friendships that have been a hallmark of every student's experience for over a hundred years—on our athletic fields and in our fitness facilities.

Elevating our athletics and wellness programs to match the excellence of our academic programs is crucial to our students' wellbeing, a vision we will accomplish through a new Fitness and Athletics Center. To fund the construction of the Fitness and Athletics Center and renovate the Daisy Williams gymnasium, a volunteer major gifts committee has been created to take a leadership role in reaching the project goal of \$10 million. The committee includes experienced alumnae and parent



volunteers who are passionate about this project. If you are interested in serving on the committee or want to recommend a committee member, please contact Heidi Hansen McCrory, Vice President for Development at (434) 381-6162 or hmccrory@sbc.edu.

Fitness & Athletics Center Gifts Committee

Katherine Upchurch

Takvorian '72, Chair

Judy Wilson Grant '66

Katherine A. Hearne '85

Donna Pearson Josey '64

Sally Old Kitchin '76

Elvira McMillan Tate '65

Bee Newman Thayer '61

Nearly \$4 million in gifts and pledges were committed to the facility during *Our Campaign For Her World*. To date, over \$425,000 has been raised toward the additional \$6 million needed to complete the project, including a significant leadership gift

from Brad and Bee Newman Thayer '61. **As a testament to the importance of the new facility, every one of the Sweet Briar College faculty and staff associated with the Physical Education and Recreation Department and our athletics programs—from the Athletic Director to housekeeping—has made a gift to this effort.** It doesn't get any better than 100% participation from those faculty and staff who understand the importance of the new facility, and are committed to seeing the dream become a reality!



SARA SHALLENGER BROWN '32

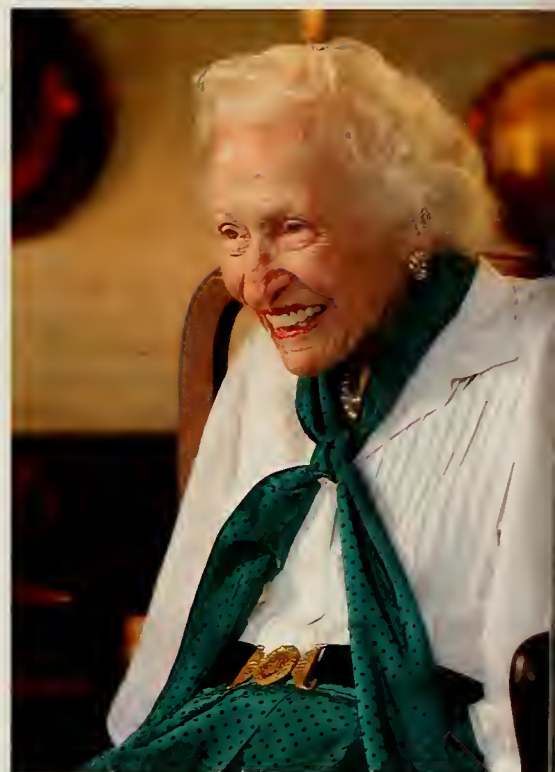
By any standard, Sara Shallenberger Brown has led a fascinating life. The daughter of Brigadier General Martin Conrad Shallenberger and Ina Hamilton Dowdy, Sally Shallenberger was born April 14, 1911 in Valdez, Alaska. As the daughter of a military officer, she spent her childhood living in seven states and six countries and became fluent in several languages.

Mrs. Brown, an accomplished artist and designer, is known for worldwide support and advocacy on behalf of the environment and preservation and has been an active supporter and fund-raiser for educational, historical, and environmental organizations.

She settled in Louisville in 1935 when she married W. L. Lyons Brown, of Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation. The couple raised four children: W. L. Lyons "Lee" Brown, Jr. (former Ambassador to Austria and former Brown-Forman CEO and chairman), Martin Shallenberger Brown (past president of Jack Daniel Distillery), Owsley Brown II (current chairman and former CEO of Brown-Forman), and Ina Brown Bond (Mrs. Allen McKee Bond III, member of Brown-Forman board of directors).

Mrs. Brown, an accomplished artist and designer, is known for worldwide support and advocacy on behalf of the environment and preservation and has been an active supporter and fund-raiser for educational, historical, and environmental organizations. She has lectured on conservation and horticulture and was a pioneer breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. At Ashbourne Farms in Oldham County, she bred cattle and Thoroughbreds.

Over the years, Mrs. Brown has served on more than 17 Kentucky boards and more than 19 national boards. She represented the United States at the U.N. Conference on World Population in 1974 and 1984. Among other outstanding awards, she received the Nature Conservancy's highest honor, the Oak Leaf Award, and a 600-acre tract of pristine land along the Kentucky River Palisades is named in her honor. Her service is impressive by any measure. However, having just turned 96 years young on April 14, Mrs. Brown is still going strong, working for causes she believes in, and lobbying members of Congress and even presidents on their behalf.



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Photos courtesy of Sally Brown and KET

Sally Brown: Force of Nature

A documentary
narrated by Joanne
Woodward

Her hard work and determination led to the historic expansion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and she was there on December 2, 1980 when President Jimmy Carter signed that expansion into law.

She led the effort to preserve Locust Grove, the historic Louisville home of George Rogers Clark, when it was nothing more than a dilapidated home surrounded by weeds and of little interest to anyone. Today, it is a national historic landmark and an accredited museum.

She helped nurture the renowned Actors Theatre of Louisville and played an integral part in founding River Fields, a nationally respected organization devoted to protecting the Ohio River Corridor.

Her name is Sally Brown, but you may not know this woman of the world who has made Louisville her home for some 70 years. The reason is simple. Sally Brown has never been concerned with getting attention for herself. She has focused on getting the job done.

Sally Brown: Force of Nature, an hour-long KET (Kentucky Educational Television) documentary, tells these stories and more, profiling this unique woman—a woman whom the movers and shakers of the world call a mover and shaker.

"She is just a fascinating individual," said documentary

Sally Brown has never been concerned with getting attention for herself. She has focused on getting the job done.

producer/director Janet Whitaker, "but because she is so humble, most Kentuckians don't realize what a huge role she has played in conservation and historic preservation locally, nationally, and globally. She is trying to make sure the world is a better place for generations to come."

"If she's on your side it's wonderful," said Kentucky Hall of Fame journalist Barry Bingham, Jr., shortly before his death in April 2006. "I can imagine if you are on the other side seeing Sally Brown come into the room would cause your

knuckles to go white because you know you are going to be up against someone who doesn't at the end of the day say I'm going to pack up and go home and forget it. She doesn't do that. That's what makes her such a wonderful friend of the environment and of all the other projects she supports."

And as the program demonstrates, that list of projects is exhaustive, encompassing everything from worldwide concerns such as the United Nations Conference on World Populations, to national matters

such as the Natural Resource Defense Council, to Kentucky favorites such as Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill and Louisville's Waterfront Park.

"Sally delves into each organization with her trademark mix of passion, intelligence, and tenacity," said Shae Hopkins, executive producer of the program and KET deputy executive director for programming and production. "She is one of those rare individuals who has truly made a difference in the world."

Sally Brown: Force of Nature is a KET production. Generous funding for this production was provided by National City Bank of Kentucky, David and Betty Jones, Alex G. Campbell Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Young Jr.

More information about Sally Brown and this documentary is available at: www.ket.org/kentucky/sallybrown/

For a DVD or VHS copy of **Sally Brown: Force of Nature**, please e-mail shop@ket.org or call (800) 945-9167.

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Worldview

Her father an Army general, Sally grew up around the world. Amidst political turmoil in Greece, she befriended Prince Nicholas' children and the family lived in Austria when Chancellor Dalphus was assassinated and the Nazis were threatening to invade.

Artistic License

An accomplished artist, Brown graduated from Sweet Briar College with a degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis on painting.

Family Matters

Married in 1935, her husband Lyons Brown became president of Brown-Farman Corporation in 1945 and chairman in 1951. The couple had four children.

A Go-for-it Spirit

After receiving a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel from a European friend, Brown discovered the breed wasn't recognized in the U.S. and started a club that led to AKC registration for the breed.

Nature Lover

Brown is active in many state and national organizations. The 600-acre Sally Brown Nature Preserve in Kentucky was named in honor of her tireless work.

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Financial Update and General Comments on the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

PAUL DAVIES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

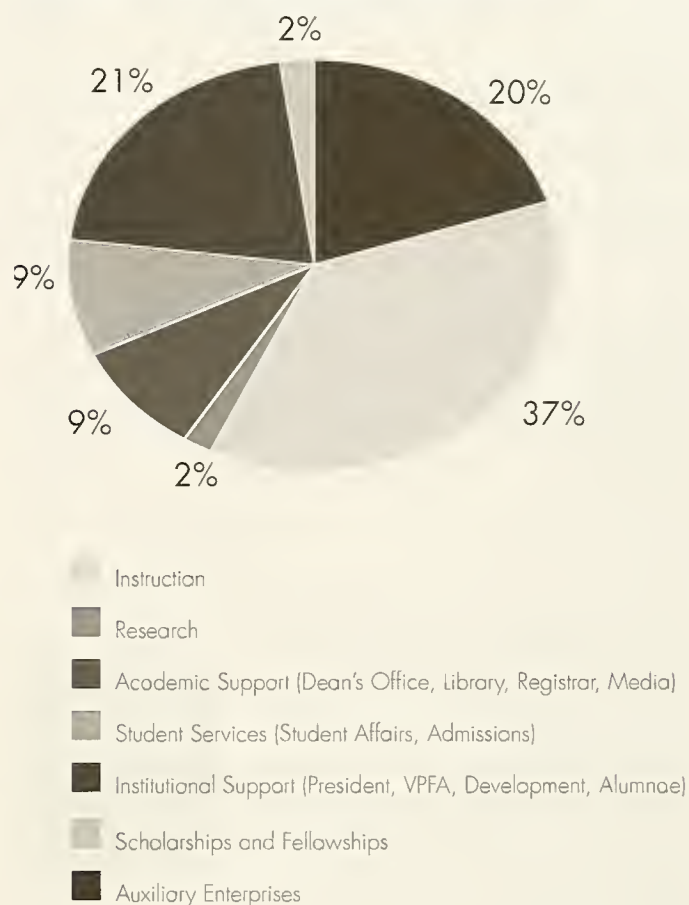
Since Sweet Briar began publishing its "Honor Roll of Donors" on the web instead of in hard copy, the College has not included its financial operating results in the Alumnae Magazine. With the Spring/Summer 2007 issue, these results will once again become an annual feature.

In reviewing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Board of Directors was pleased to note the significant improvement the College had shown in just three short years. Although the College's financial position improved with the growth of the stock market in the late 90s, between July 2000 and June 30, 2003 its financial position worsened. The size of incoming classes decreased each year during that period. Due to the decline in the stock market and an increasing reliance on endowment spending, the College's endowment had dropped from a high of \$126M in FY 1999 to \$86M in FY 2003. In FY 2003, the College had a tuition discount rate of 54%. The discount rate is the percentage that is produced by dividing institutional financial aid grants by total tuition and fees, exclusive of room and board. In short, the College was awarding increasing amounts of aid, and drawing too heavily on our endowment to do so. Our endowment drawdown was at an all-time high in FY 03 of \$12.1M.

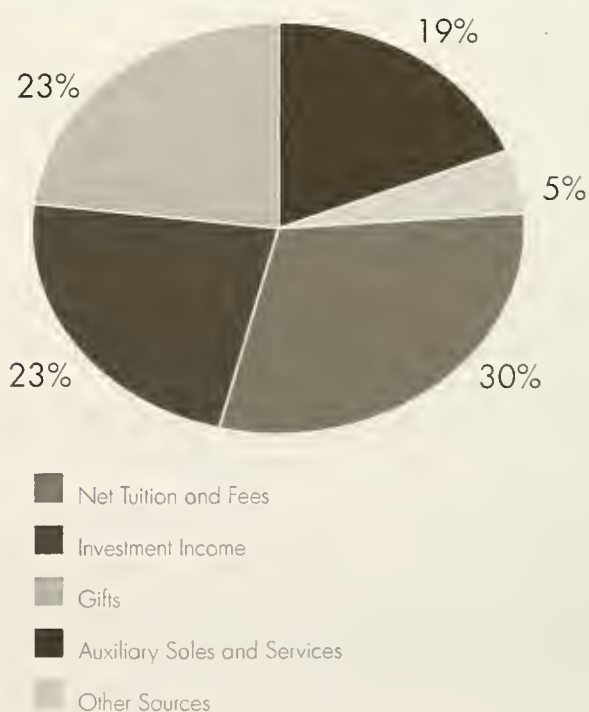
Faced with declining enrollment and a spending rate that was unsustainable, the Board of Directors, working with the administration, established a strategic planning committee to study the long-range future of the College. During FY 2004, the Shape of the Future Committee, with membership from the Board, the administration, the Alumnae Association and the faculty met throughout the year to explore the various options open to the College. The Committee established twin goals of long-term financial stability and larger enrollment. Input was received from students, faculty, staff, and alumnae. In addition, the College contracted with George Dehne Associates, a well-known higher education market research firm, to test several alternatives. After almost a year of meetings and discussions the committee recommended to the Board of Directors on May 26, 2004 that Sweet Briar remain a women's college, and that we recast our mission to embrace wholeheartedly and clearly the fact that today's graduates will move into professional life.

Even before the Shape of the Future meetings began, the College developed a plan to reduce its reliance on the endowment to 5% by FY 2010. To accomplish this, the College would have to reduce endowment spending from \$12.1M to \$5M over seven years, or by \$7.1M while increasing our endowment to approximately \$100M. With an operating base of \$38.7M, the task would not be easy. Working together, the faculty, staff, and administration initiated several steps to ensure that the College not only would survive, but

EXPENSES



REVENUES AND GAINS



Sweet Briar Institute Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

	Total	%
REVENUES AND GAINS		
Net Tuition and Fees	11,706,444	29.96%
Investment Income (1)	9,160,415	23.45%
Gifts	8,816,574	22.57%
Auxiliary Sales and Services	7,581,851	19.41%
Sales & Services Educational Dept	100,644	0.26%
Federal Grants & Contracts	661,882	1.69%
State Grants & Contracts	676,359	1.73%
Other Sources	364,177	0.93%
Total Revenues and Gains	39,068,346	100.00%
EXPENSES		
Instruction	13,051,346	36.69%
Research	623,052	1.75%
Academic Support	3,362,404	9.45%
Student Services	3,231,598	9.08%
Institutional Support	7,355,456	20.68%
Scholarship and Fellowship	814,242	2.29%
Auxiliary Enterprises	7,136,818	20.06%
Total Expenses	35,574,916	100.00%
Change in Net Assets	3,493,430	
Net Assets at the beginning of the Year	138,564,238	
Net Assets at end of Year	142,057,668	

(1) Includes Investment income and Realized gain and Unrealized loss on long & short term investments

Sweet Briar Institute Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,525,009
Accounts Receivable	603,469
Loans to Students	1,488,088
Dividends & Interest Receivable	379,528
Contributions Receivable	1,959,718
Pledges Receivable	4,604,099
Inventories	338,754
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Chgs	145,106
Investments	94,834,933
Beneficial Int Perpetual Trust	7,128,492
Assets Restricted to Investment in land, building and equipment	7,955,163
Land, Buildings and Equipment	48,765,763
Deferred Bond Issuance Costs	388,767
Funds held by Trustee under bond indenture (1)	19,491,982
Total Assets	190,608,871
LIABILITIES	
Accounts and Other Payables	1,511,219
Accrued Interest	656,433
Student Deposits and Advance Fees	970,862
U.S. Government Grants Refundable	1,135,303
Annuity Obligations	895,112
Asset Retirement Obligation	53,008
Past Retirement Benefit Obligations	2,994,065
Self Insurance Liability	164,887
Bonds Payable (1)	40,170,234
Total Liabilities	48,551,123
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	84,915
Unrestricted- Designated	67,851,636
Temporarily Restricted	20,672,708
Permanently Restricted	53,448,409
Total Net Assets	142,057,668
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	190,608,791

(1) Proceeds from Series 2006 bonds to retire all earlier issued bonds at the earlier of the callable date or maturity date of each bond.

thrive. In FY 2005 salaries were frozen and the College reduced its employee retirement contribution from 10% to 8% of an employee's salary. Nineteen staff positions were eliminated. All vacated positions were reviewed and supervisors had to justify why the vacated position should be filled. Once the determination was made to fill a position, it was held open for 4 weeks to save operating dollars (critical positions such as public safety were exempt from the waiting period). This policy remains in force today. All non-salary budgets were cut 10% and have remained flat, the only exception being non-controllable expenditures such as health care, utilities, and food. Our new Dean of Admissions, Ken Huus, working with outside consultants and using the market research of George Dehne Associates, developed a new admissions marketing strategy.

So how did the College finish FY 2006? By being proactive and working collectively with our Board and alumnae, each incoming class since 2004 increased in size, while the tuition discount rate was reduced from 54% in FY 2003 to 46% in FY 2006. The College reduced its reliance on the endowment from \$12.1M to \$8.9M in FY 2006 (\$3.2M decrease). During this period, the College's endowment grew from \$86M to \$94M. Unlike many of our competitors, we have been able to cut costs, increase salaries (3% in FY 2006; 4.25% in FY 07), reduce our tuition discount rate and increase our enrollment. The operating turnaround was critical as the College began the process to refinance all of its long term debt in late 2005. Investors took notice that the College had a clear strategic vision and was willing to make the necessary budgetary cuts. This was rewarded when we generated interest of over \$140M in orders against \$20M of bonds. With the strong demand, we were able to refinance all long-term debt for 25 years at a fixed rate of 4.815%. Refinancing improved the College's annual cash flow by over \$800K. A strong indication that Sweet Briar is on the correct path is that we had the largest entering class in 20 years in the fall of 2006. As FY 2007 comes to a close, the College is projecting a tuition discount rate of 44% and endowment spending of \$7.7M (\$4.4M less than FY 2003).

In conclusion, morale is high and the College is filled with optimism. Our capital campaign was a tremendous success. We anticipate one of our largest classes in decades, while dropping our overall discount rate to 42% in FY 2008. Our success is due to the collective support from our alumnae, Board, parents, faculty, staff, and students. The College is well on the way to a sustainable 5% endowment spending rate. However, to ensure that Sweet Briar remains affordable and strong for the generations to come we must continue to increase our enrollment, grow our endowment and be prudent in our financial decisions. To achieve this, it is critical that we all contribute, whether it be recruiting prospective students and promoting Sweet Briar to our friends and family, giving to the Annual Fund or endowment to support ongoing operations such as faculty salaries and financial aid, or supporting critical capital projects such as the Library and Fitness and Athletic Center to ensure that our students have quality facilities.

SBC calling!

If Sweet Briar College pops up on your caller ID, it is probably a student with the Phonathon program. Each young woman is genuinely excited to have a conversation with you and is thinking of the questions she can ask while dialing the phone.

Many callers are first-years and are learning about the history of the College through conversations with alumnae. They cannot wait to talk to an alumna with the same major they are considering. Upperclasswomen also enjoy speaking about tap clubs and traditions. All get excited when calling someone who is from their hometown or state.

Three of the many fabulous Phonathon callers this year are Sarah Balderston '09, Madeline Davis '10, and Laura McKenna '10, and they would like to share with you what they have learned from alumnae and their experience with Phonathon.

SARAH BALDERSTON '09

MAJOR: MODERN LANGUAGES

HOMETOWN: PITTSFORD, NEW YORK



"I saw Phonathon as an opportunity to make a little money each week and become better acquainted with some of my peers. What I did not anticipate were the wonderful conversations I've had with alumnae. Part of my job description is to connect with alumnae and raise money for the Annual

Fund. Fulfilling these goals is rewarding, but even more gratifying are the calls in which I connect with alumnae over their memories. It is exciting to speak to someone who lived in my dorm, shared my major, or even knew my mother, Ann 'Workado' Works Balderston '76. The fact that so many of these women are willing to take time out of their busy schedules any given weeknight to discuss our shared love of this remarkable institution is a true testimony to how amazing Sweet Briar truly continues to be. With each call I feel that I become more connected to the Sweet Briar of today and the Sweet Briar of the past."

MADELINE DAVIS '10

MAJOR: UNDECLARED

HOMETOWN: NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



"I want to know what you liked about Sweet Briar and any funny stories. Many alumnae see this as a ploy to soften them up and get more money, but I really enjoy hearing about your experiences—memories about the Sweet Briar dairy providing the fresh milk, yogurt, and ice cream for Prothro, study abroad adventures, professors you had,

or road trips with friends. I realize that, although women come to Sweet Briar for individual reasons, whether I speak to a graduate from the thirties or a current freshman, there are things we all love about Sweet Briar such as the beauty of the campus, the small classes, and the sense of community with faculty.

"One alumna compared her SBC experience with attending a large university for her graduate work. She said if you enjoyed going to the DMV and being just a number, then a large college was perfect for you, but if you liked being an individual and getting

the attention you deserved, then Sweet Briar is the place to go. I look at my role as a Phonathon caller as being the continuation of that personal feeling and of not being a number. Along with the other callers, I want to know about you and your experience at Sweet Briar. So please, answer your phone!"

LAURA MCKENNA '10

MAJOR: GOVERNMENT

HOMETOWN: BRISTOL, VIRGINIA



"I dial the phone for the 30th time this evening, and an SBC graduate from 1942 answers. She is a little hard of hearing, but can still share her fun memories about the time she had to sneak out for the weekend to see her boyfriend at UVA.

"You may ask yourself what a first-year has in common with a 1942 graduate. After 40 minutes, we find we both adore pink and pearls and think that a women's college offers the finest education available to smart young women of today. We also share a love of Sweet Briar.

"Turning in my tally sheet that evening, I reflect that some women have not been willing to talk, but others have shared their experiences from 50 years ago and wish they were still students here. It is enlightening to me that they are still so fond of their College memories and still come back to Sweet Briar to celebrate their reunions.

"Walking back to my dorm, I am reassured that this is the place for me. Talking to graduates who say only positive things about the College makes me want every young woman to have the same experience that I do: to thrive in the classroom while still playing a sport and being a member of three clubs, and acting as officer for two of the three. The College is full of opportunities that the alumnae experienced, and now it is my time to do everything that the College has to offer. Talking on the phone with each alumna shows me my own potential."

In the Phonathon room one constantly hears, "Oh, my gosh, me, too!" or "I hope we can meet when you come to campus or when I am home." Phonathon callers want to share your experience of Sweet Briar and have you share their experience, so answer your phone when Sweet Briar pops up on the caller ID!

transitions

Sandra Maddox

JENNIFER MCMANAMAY, STAFF WRITER, COLLEGE RELATIONS OFFICE

Sandra Maddox AH '59 has worked in the Sweet Briar Alumnae Office for 46 years. She retired from the College on March 30 as assistant to the director.

Over nearly five decades she has become the face of the office for alumnae returning to the College for Reunion or other events, said Louise *Swiecki* Zingaro '80, director of the Alumnae Association.

"When they come here, Sandra's like home. She always has a smile, she always gives a warm welcome," Zingaro said. "That's something when you genuinely mean it, you can't fake. And it sets the tone for their visit."

Maddox's welcome is real, and it's the times when alumnae are on campus that she says have stayed with her the most.

"My memories are always when the ladies come back," Maddox said. "They always hug each other."

She arrived at Sweet Briar in April of 1961, and spent a short time in duplicating before becoming a full-time records secretary in the alumnae office. She was promoted to executive secretary and office manager, and then assistant to the director in 1995.

In 1994, in an effort spearheaded by Ann Young Bloom, the Class of 1959 asked Maddox if she would become an honorary member of their class. She accepted the offer, and the Alumnae Association voted and approved it.

It is an extraordinary recognition. In Sweet Briar's history only two others—former president of the College, the late Anne Gary Pannell AH '10 and the late Mary Hughes Blackwell AH '28, former assistant in the alumnae office—have been made honorary alumnae.

Maddox's legacy in the alumnae office is such that Zingaro summed up the impact of her retirement in one word: "Huge."

The impact will be compounded by Nancy Godwin Baldwin's retirement at the end of June. Baldwin '57 has edited the Alumnae Magazine since 1986, but that's only her most recent role at SBC. She is the former director of admissions, an office she worked in from 1958 to 1980.

Maddox and Baldwin will leave behind a combined 96 years of service. "They know so many people personally," Zingaro said. "They know not only the alumnae, but also their families. So much of what we do is relationship building. People trust them. They're credible."

Relationships between students, alumnae, co-workers and the larger Sweet Briar community were the reason Maddox, who has served with five College presidents, was content in her job for so long.

"[It was] the friendship," she said. "I've had three bosses in my forty-six years, which I think is quite impressive. I enjoyed the work and the friendship of the alumnae...they all love the College. They come back and feel like they want to start all over again."

Diane Dalton '67 has served on the Alumnae Board since 1995 and is a member of SBC's Board of Directors. She acknowledged how she and her classmates feel about Sweet Briar and suggested the reasons go beyond their experiences as students.

"The fact that [Sandra] was made an honorary alumna—her devotion and caring for the College and the alumnae is truly a gift to the College," she said in a telephone interview. "The loyalty we alumnae feel has so much to do with the dedicated people who work for the College."

Maddox has mixed feelings about leaving Sweet Briar, but has no doubts about how she'll spend her days. "I want to spend more time with family and do some traveling and golfing."

She and Elbert, her husband of 48 years, have traveled to Europe and the Caribbean. These days they stay closer to home. "Beach areas," Maddox said. "I love beaches."

Much of their motoring will be to attend their four grandchildren's sporting events, such as a recent gymnastics meet where the couple sat for four and a half hours on unforgiving bleachers.

"One granddaughter likes to ride horses; I have a grandson that plays three sports; and my oldest granddaughter is into cheerleading. It's just, you know I can't do everything and



Dear Sweet Briar Alumnae and Friends,

Please accept my sincere appreciation to all of you for your gifts, cards, and phone calls in the celebrations of my retirement on March 30. It was my pleasure to work at SBC for 46 years. Aside from my family, this position in the Alumnae Office was my life. Thanks to so many of you for your friendship. I plan to visit the campus often with the hope to see many of you.

*In appreciation and friendship,
Sandra*

work, too," Maddox said, laughing. "That's my plan."

Born and raised in Amherst County, Sandra and Elbert have been friends since she was 13. "We met at church socials and attended high school together and our relationship grew," she said.

There was no revelatory moment, just the dawning of a lifelong love and friendship. "You don't marry just for love, you have to really enjoy each other," Maddox said. "We understand each other."

They have two sons who attended the Campus School as youngsters. Randy graduated from Lynchburg College and Doug from Hampden-Sydney. The sons live nearby with their wives and children, where the grandparents enjoy seeing them often.

Maddox was honored at a reception on March 30, which was attended by family, alumnae and friends from across the Sweet Briar community.

Professor Emerita Elizabeth Fern Sprague, 1911–2007

We are sad to share news of the death of Elizabeth Sprague at Westminster Canterbury, Lynchburg, VA, March 4 at the age of 95. She was a member of the Sweet Briar faculty as Assistant Professor (1949–1960); Associate Professor (1960–1964); and Professor (1964–1977). Twice chair of the Department of Biology (1958–64; 1971–77), she was named the Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor of Ecology in 1975 and Professor Emerita in 1977.

After graduating from San Diego High School, Elizabeth attended UCLA, obtaining her master's in biology in 1935. She taught biology at Hoover High School, San Diego, then moved to Fullerton, CA to teach at the junior college (now a branch of California State University) for two years.

As World War II accelerated in 1941, she held a summer job at Convair, San Diego, where she was trained to read and file blueprints for search and rescue planes. As the war went

on, Elizabeth was recruited by the YWCA to manage a USO Center in Abilene, Texas. After the war, she received a faculty appointment at Samson College, New York where she taught for three years. In 1949, she came to Sweet Briar College to teach biology and botany until her 1977 retirement. In 1960 she completed her Ph.D. in biology from Claremont College.

Nature and travel were passions of hers. Throughout her professional career and in retirement, she made sojourns across the United States, Europe, Australia, and Africa to study the flora and fauna of the world.

She is survived by loving nieces and nephews: Doris Avery and Pamela Carrell, San Diego; Bob Sprague and John Sprague, AR; Kristin Ogley, Sacramento; Kate Boase, Granite Bay, CA.

A memorial service was held at the Westminster Canterbury Chapel in March and a service of remembrance in the Sweet Briar Chapel during Reunion 2007.



Where would any of us be without giants?

Capturing Elizabeth Sprague is a tall order. Is she the woman I first met more than 50 years ago? She was a commanding figure—tall, upright, roaring through the doors in Academic in long strides, red hair ruffled by the wind, level eyes that saw into crevices no one else penetrated, tough demeanor covering a caring and kind soul. And the voice, precise in words, low in timber. When Miss Sprague talked, we all listened.

Or was she the funny woman and personal friend I was privileged to know and enjoy as the years rolled by and our contact continued? She was both, of course. I am unsure whether I fully recovered from the strength of the assistant prof's aura that guided me through a difficult year of freshman botany in 1953. She guided and she taught. My thumb is bright green even now because of Elizabeth Sprague. I can still talk knowledgeably about slime mold, a half dozen varieties of algae and why rose thorns aren't thorns. Her practicums were killers. Miss Sprague charged across campus at a dead run, as we panted behind her scribbling names of trees, shrubs and bushes as she pointed them out. Once in a panic I failed to identify a boxwood.

The Sprague, as Mary Anne Wilson and I knighted her, taught me more than any other academic at Sweet Briar other than Lysbeth Muncy. The Sprague did not want her students to learn, she insisted we learn, she demanded we learn. But mere learning was insufficient. She commanded that we **think**, that delicious *sine qua non* of a liberal arts education. I refuse to believe that Miss Sprague ever bent that commandment in the years she continued to teach.

Elizabeth Sprague loved the good green things of this earth. On the good green things she lavished her love, her time and her energy. That was apparent to us even as students. I am certain her life was not particularly easy. She suffered neither fools nor defeat lightly. Disappointments were held in check, complaints were rare. She was mostly philosophical that she had to revise much of her doctoral dissertation, as nearing completion the subject of that Ph.D.—puddle plants—dried up. She was always amazed that some of her old girls recalled that crisis. Miss Sprague laughed when we shook our heads.

Miss Sprague was reluctant to abandon her little house in Amherst for shared living in Lynchburg. She put the best face on her loss of daily contact with the gifts and glories of nature. What a splendid resilient, sharing and dedicated person she was.

When I established a charitable remainder trust in favor of Sweet Briar and the girls of tomorrow, my relationship with Elizabeth Sprague was a major motivator for its creation. One third of that trust is dedicated to Elizabeth Sprague and the preservation of Sweet Briar's environmental heritage. It was my good fortune to have an opportunity to say thank you to a woman who continues to inspire me as my own shadows lengthen and to root for the good green things of this earth.

Elizabeth Sprague was the last of the giants who inhabited my world at Sweet Briar. Where would any of us be without giants?

—Carol McMurtry Fowler '57

Professor Leonora Albigese Wiksw, 1916–2007

Word has come from her family of the death of Mrs. Leonora Wiksw, age 90. She passed away March 3 in Visalia, CA, following a brief illness.

Leonora taught math and astronomy at Sweet Briar from 1956 to 1970. She was Instructor in Math (1956–59), Assistant Professor (1959–67), Associate Professor (1967–70), and chaired the Department of Mathematics for many years during her tenure as a professor until her retirement.

Preceded in death by her husband, John Wiksw, a noted research chemist, she is survived by three daughters who are Sweet Briar alumnae: Leonora Pescosolido '63, Exeter, CA; Dr. Muriel Lambert '66, Montclair, NJ; Antoinette Best '68 Visalia, CA: one son, Dr. John P. Wiksw, Jr., UVA '70, Nashville, TN; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Born in 1916 in Brooklyn, NY, Leonora graduated from



Professor Leonora Wiksw

Montclair State University, NJ with a B.A. and from Columbia University with a master's degree, both in mathematics. She first joined the mathematics faculty of Lynchburg College, VA, then came to Sweet Briar.

She is remembered by generations of Sweet Briar students for her understanding of mathematical and scientific concepts. She also had an acute sensitivity to poetry, and was an internationally recognized mathematician, a naturalist, world traveler, and accomplished artist.

Leonora Wiksw: truly a beloved teacher

As a student at SBC, I know that she was truly a beloved teacher and I remember the number of times I would walk by her office and see a string of students outside her door waiting to speak to her. She had a depth of understanding of students' problems that was amazing. As a teacher, she encouraged original thinking and if a student didn't understand a math problem when it was explained one way, she would try explaining it another way until the student understood it.

I myself am now a Professor in the Pathology Department of UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, and I have used her as a role model in my method of teaching and in interacting with students. I think of her quite often when I have a line of students outside my office, both those I teach in class and those working as graduate students in my laboratory, and hope that I am providing them with the same degree of support that she gave her students.

—Dr. Muriel Lambert '66

Professor Langley Wood, 1924–2007

We are saddened to learn of the death of Professor Robertson Harris Langley Wood, age 82, January 29 at Westport Health Care Center, Richmond, VA.

From 1972–76, Langley was Sweet Briar's Coordinator of Environmental Studies. From 1974–75 he also was Director of Publications and Assistant to the Director of Development, and in 1975, lectured in photography, then returned to the Biology Department as Professor of Environmental Studies from 1976 until retiring in 1982.

Born in Lynchburg, VA, he held a B.S. from the College of William and Mary and earned a Ph.D. in marine biology from Cornell University. Prior to coming to Sweet Briar, he headed the Physiology Department for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and was a research scientist for Woods Hole Institute. He also served as chairman of the Zoology Department at the University of New Hampshire.

A Navy World War II veteran, he was awarded the Purple Heart. In retirement, he wrote two novels; his second, *Bacon's Last Year*, a seafaring WWII story based on his experiences aboard the U.S.S. Belknap, was published.

He is survived by five children: Pamela Wood Irving, Belle Meade, NJ; Patricia Wood Wingfield, Richmond, VA; Michael Langley Wood, Hampton, NJ; Duncan Langley Wood, Chesapeake, VA; and Robert Harris Wood, Orlando, FL; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held February 10 at Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg.



Professor Langley Wood

Victor Henningsen, Jr. 1924–2007

Sweet Briar College has lost a devoted friend. Mr. Victor Henningsen, Jr. of Pelham Manor, New York, passed away March 26 at age 83. He was the husband of Mary Florence ("Mayde") Bemis *Ludington*, SBC '48, and the father of Mary Francis *Henningsen Collins* '75. Granddaughter Caroline Collins is a current student in the Class of 2010.

Mr. Henningsen served on the College's Boards of Directors and Overseers for ten years (1974–1984), was chairman from 1980–1984, and recently rejoined as an Emeriti Trustee in November 2003. During his service on Sweet Briar's Board, he was an important voice and wise counselor on numerous committees including the Development, Student Affairs, Future Directions, Nominating, and Executive Committees. He also was a member of the Parents' Committee and honorary member of the College's Centennial Commission. The Henningsens are life members of the President's Circle and members of the Silver Rose Society. His many contributions to the College include philanthropic support of the Friends of Library, Friends of Art, and the Sweet Briar art collection through donations of numerous gifts of art to the College which have graced its walls with many beautiful works.

Director of the College's Arts Management Program Rebecca Massie Lane pays tribute to Mr. Henningsen: "He was a generous supporter of the arts at Sweet Briar College, giving a number of American paintings from his father's collection to the Pannell

Art Gallery during the campaign of the 1980s. He also supported art conservation projects in the art collection, as well as being a lifelong contributor to the Friends of Art. He was keenly interested in Japanese woodblock prints and in American impressionists. His friends in the arts will miss his enduring and faithful support, and I will miss the informational arts clippings and correspondence he regularly sent to me."

Mr. Henningsen, an unfailing supporter and promoter of higher education, attended the Phillips Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and graduated from Yale University in 1950 with a B.A. in economics. During World War II he served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Indian Ocean war zones as midshipman, third, and second mate in the merchant navy, finishing as Lt. (JG) USNR. He was also an international leader in the poultry and egg industry, and spent his entire professional career with his family firm, Henningsen Foods, Inc., founded by his grandfather in 1889. Starting as an office boy and plant worker, he retired as President and CEO in 1993 and served as Chairman Emeritus until his death.

During his career he received numerous industry honors and awards. He was an active volunteer for Andover, the USMMA, Yale, and Sweet Briar. A past president and longtime trustee of the Chapel of St. Thomas More at Yale University, he was also past president of the Yale Club of New York City and of the American Friends of the Bermuda Maritime Museum. He devoted much of his time and energy to his native town, particularly the Village of Pelham

Manor, serving over the years as chair of the Pelham Community Chest; member of the Village Planning Board; trustee and mayor of the Village of Pelham Manor; co-chair of the Friends of the Pelham Town Library; and chairman of the Board of the Sound Shore Medical Center. At the time of his death he was still active in efforts to bridge political divisions and bring good people together in service to the community he loved. His interests included ships, sailing, and sports cars, especially vintage MGs.

He is survived by Mayde, his wife of 58 years, his children and their spouses: Vic and Susan, Andover, MA; Kit and Caroline, Stony Creek, CT; Mary and Chris, Pelham Manor; and Tim and Anne, Wexford, PA; and eight grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held March 31 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pelham Manor, NY.



Victor Henningsen, Jr.



Margaret Cornwell Schmidt '37

**Margaret Cornwell Schmidt '37,
1917–2007**

Margaret Schmidt, longtime educator and volunteer, died at age 90, March 9, 2007 at Parc Provence in Creve Coeur, MO of complications from Alzheimer's disease and cancer.

Born in St. Louis, she attended Washington University and graduated from Sweet Briar in 1937, then joined the faculty of the John Burroughs School (her alma mater) in St. Louis, where she taught physical education. She was an accomplished field hockey player, competing internationally for three years with the U.S. national team.

In 1942, Margaret married William Clark Schmidt, a lawyer, who served in the Army Air Forces in World War II and was killed in a plane crash in India in 1944.

Margaret returned to Sweet Briar, serving as executive director of the Alumnae

Association from 1950–1955. She later returned to Burroughs, where she worked for 24 years as a test administrator, adviser, reading teacher, college counselor, director of admissions and principal of the senior school. She also earned a master's degree in education from Washington University.

Margaret received the John Burroughs Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1976. She served on the Sweet Briar Board, the Advisory Council of the Washington University Association and the John Burroughs Board. She was an elder, Sunday school teacher and president of the Women's Association at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO. She volunteered at a neighborhood health center and tutored for the "I Have a Dream" Foundation.

A memorial service was held April 12 at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. Margaret had donated her body to the Washington University School of Medicine and her brain to the Memory and Aging Project, of which she had been a longtime participant.

Margaret's sister, Helen Cornwell Jones '40, predeceased her. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Schmidt Igoe '66, Doylestown, PA; a sister, Virginia Johnstone, St. Louis; a brother, Alexander M. Cornwell, Boca Grande, FL; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



John Wesley Shrader, Jr.

John Wesley Shrader, Jr., 1925–2007

It is with heartfelt sadness that we report the death of Mr. John Wesley Shrader, Jr. of Amherst, the husband of Phyllis and father of J. Thompson (Tom) Shrader and his wife, Deborah (Debbie) Sneed Shrader '78. He also loved Scott and Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80 as his own children. He died Sunday, April 8, 2007.

John Wesley worked at Sweet Briar for nearly 20 years, beginning in 1972 as Superintendent of Custodial Services and then Set-up Coordinator until his retirement in 1991. He also served his country in the Navy during World War II, was a member of Clinton Masonic Lodge and Amherst Fire Department, and was a lifelong member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Amherst.

Former colleague and friend, James Meade, commented that: "We worked together like hand in glove. He was a real fine person to work with and very understanding. He was nice to everyone he came in contact with, and I enjoyed going on town trips with him and working on set-ups." As a testament to his gentle nature and enjoyment of life, he looked forward each day to time with his pets Buddy and Nick.

The family invited friends and family to celebrate John Wesley's life with them at Whitten Monelison Chapel on April 11.

ACAD

Catherine Wright
Mrs. James E. Hill
January 7, 2007

1922

Ruth Ulland
Mrs. Samuel P. Todd
March 8, 2007

1927

Lucy Orgill
Mrs. Sidney W. Genette
September 24, 1999

1930

Elizabeth Bryan
Mrs. John S. Band, Jr.
April 29, 2007

Anna Winfred Smith
Mrs. Winfred S. McConnell
January 28, 2005

Gladys Wester
Mrs. Leonard M. Horton
May 4, 2007

1931

Jean Cauntryman
Mrs. Will B. Presba
July 24, 2006

1932

Alice Dabney
Mrs. John C. Parker, Jr.
April 21, 2007

Anna Gilbert
Mrs. Hugh W. Davy
February 1, 2007

1933

Betty Green
Mrs. Sidney R. Nathan
April 9, 2007

Mory-Paulding Murdoch
Mrs. Hugh McDonald
Martin
January 5, 2007

1934

Mary McCandlish
Mrs. S. William Livingston
March 23, 2007

Jane Morrison
Ms. Jane M. Moore
March 20, 2007

1935

Beverley Hill
Mrs. John P. Furniss
December 21, 2006

Rebekah Huber
Miss Rebekah L. Huber
January 25, 2007

Charlotte Olmsted
Mrs. Maurice Kursh
December 27, 2006

Laurase Schulze-Berge
Mrs. Laurase MacFadyen
March 9, 2007

1936

Annette Harley
Mrs. Joseph Chappell
November 28, 2006

Katharine Niles
Mrs. Franklin P. Parker
May 4, 2007

Margaret Smith
Mrs. John R. Thomasson
May 6, 2007

Lillian Steele
Mrs. Lawrence T. Cook
March 20, 2007

Lais Walfe
Mrs. Hugh M. Shwab, Jr.
January 4, 2002

1937

Letitia Belknap
Mrs. Haig Carapetyan
April 6, 1999

Margaret Carnwell
Mrs. W. Clark Schmidt
March 9, 2007

Mary Katherine Shaffer
Mrs. Frank A. Hardy
January, 1998

Elinar Ward
Mrs. Elinar W. Francis
March 24, 2007

1938

Marion Brown
Mrs. Marion Snider
March 22, 2007

1939

Gene Green
Mrs. Charles Morgan
July 16, 2006

1940

Elizabeth Butler
Mrs. Jonathan W. Warner
February 14, 2007

Katherine Estes
Mrs. Gilbert E. Johnston
January 12, 2007

Mary Elda Stein
Mrs. Richard C. Kautz
January 4, 2007

Jean White
Mrs. Edward L. Box
March 27, 2007

1941

Elizabeth Lancaster
Mrs. William Washburn
April 6, 2007

1942

Virginia McGuire
Mrs. Andrew J. Brent
February 27, 2007

1943

Byrd Smith
Mrs. Byrd Hunter
January 30, 2007

1944

Dorothy Devore
Mrs. Harry T. Platt, Jr.
January 7, 2007

1945

Dorothy Arnold
Mrs. Robert J. Waite
April 11, 2007

Elene Essary
Mrs. John W. Gill
January 4, 2007

1947

Ann Briggs
Miss Ann E. Briggs
January 18, 2007

Virginia Walker
Mrs. Virginia Walker
Christian
March 28, 2007

1948

Catharine Doolin
Mrs. Robert R. Dickey III
March 15, 2007

Ann Parier
Mrs. Edward W. Mullen
February 2, 2007

1949

Fredda Duncombe
Mrs. Grant A. Millard
March 12, 2007

Emilie Thornton
Mrs. Earl M. Forte Jr.
December 31, 2006

1951

Sue Taylor
Mrs. Robert F. Lilley
March 13, 2007

1954

Robin Francis
Miss Robin R. Francis
March 13, 2004

Joan Potter
Mrs. Henry D. Bickel
January 23, 2007

Susan Valier
Mrs. Samuel R. Mulligan
July 3, 2005

1955

Chase Lane
Mrs. Eugene Bruns
December 28, 2006

1957

Betty Folmar
Mrs. H. T. Hunt, Jr.
September 23, 2005

Natalie Wittich
Mrs. J. Paul Morrow
February 8, 2007

1958

Anne Robinson
Miss Anne A. Robinson
March 30, 2007

1961

Mary Carmichael
Mrs. Preston Bass
March 16, 2007

1962

Ann 'Penny' Pendleton
Powell
Ms. Pendleton Bowen
February 24, 2007

1966

Kathryn Bingham
Ms. Kathryn Bingham
April 9, 2007

1986

Tamara Wright
Mrs. George Shaw
February 25, 2000

2008

Laura Jahnke
Ms. Laura Ann Jahnke
February 19, 2007

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

bulletin board



Marshall Acuff

JAMESTOWN 2007 WOMEN'S HISTORY LECTURE SERIES AT SWEET BRIAR

FEBRUARY

Catherine Allgor
University of California
at Riverside
"A Perfect Union:
Dolley Madison and the
Creation of the American
Nation"

MARCH

Cynthia Kierner
University of North
Carolina at Charlotte
"Martha Jefferson
Randolph: Virginian"

APRIL

Elizabeth Varon
Temple University
"Gendered Strife and
Disunion: A New Look at
the Origins of the Civil
War"

JAMESTOWN, VA CELEBRATION 2007

Every 50 years since the early 1800s, there has been a celebration of the founding of Jamestown. The 400th anniversary of the founding has been celebrated over 2006-07 with the main event in May, 2007. This commemoration highlights the legacies of Jamestown: free enterprise, representative government, rule of law, and diversity. These all began in the New World with the founding of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

Marshall Acuff, Sweet Briar parent (Amanda '97) and former member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, is president of the 501(c) (3) arm of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. The Foundation is a state agency responsible for the living museum, Jamestown Settlement. The mission of the Settlement is education and interpretation of life in the early 17th century in the colony of Virginia. Physical facilities include a new 60,000-square-foot museum as well as reproductions of the original three ships and a reconstruction of the original village of Jamestown.

MINI reunions



ABOVE: Five alumnae gathered for the wedding of Leslie Farinas to Robert Lopez on September 16, 2006.
Lr: Maleka Newsome '98, Leigh Wilson '97, bride Leslie Farinas '98, groom Robert Lopez, Christina Stanton '97, and Blakeslee Potter '98.

RIGHT: Seven alumnae gathered for the August 2006 wedding of Polly Taggard Taylor's son Peter Taylor and Anne Galbreath '90 on Orr's Island, ME.

Lr: Jaimie Del Monte Galbreath '92; Sandy La Staiti Sylvia '59; Jini Jones Vail '59; Anne Galbreath Taylor '90; Polly Taggard Taylor '59; Erna Arnold Westwig '59; Rachel Renzy Meima '90

Editor's Mea Culpa: Please note corrections in names and class years. Apologies to all for errors appearing in the Winter 2007 issue!



class notes

1936

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At home, **Elizabeth "Pinkie" Scott** does a fitness program 3 times a week and still drives, but uses a cane to walk. She talks to **Logan Phinzy Johns**. Hears of her through her daughter, whom she sees from time to time. Logan visits her cottage by the river in fine weather. I'm doing a mailing with a return card to everyone on the list, hoping for more news of your class in next issue. My mother can't do the mailing, but she enjoys the cards and letters!

to send her questionnaire. She's happy, busy, and well in AZ. **Carolyn Monteith Clarke** sends news from Houston. It's sad to learn that **Patty Rose Early Trippet** had a stroke several years ago, but still enjoys card games. Husband Harry is very frail. Carolyn runs into **Marion Robbins Alexander** often. **Daphne Withington Adams** has moved to Ft. Worth, TX near her daughter. She's happily settled in a retirement community. **Eloise English Davies's** eyesight isn't what it used to be, but she'd like to make the trip. I know it's not feasible for many of you to be with us, but we'll think of you, miss you, and promise to say only sweet, nice things about you! Meantime, get on the phone and encourage friends to come or at least send news. Love to all.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS IN CLASS NOTES:

Send your news to the Class Secretary listed with your class. If your class has no class secretary listed, please send news to the Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595 (E-mail: alumnae@sbc.edu). Classmates want to hear from you!

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine. Please see that your Class Secretary receives your news before the deadlines below:

Issue	Deadline
Fall '07	July 1, 2007
Winter '08	Nov. 1, 2007

Class Secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the class notes.

Make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct e-mail address!
Please send e-mail addresses to: alumnae@sbc.edu

1938

Mrs. George M. Brooke, Jr.
Frances Fleming Bailey
405 Jackson Avenue
Lexington, VA 24450-1905

Reunion 2005: May 16-18, 2005

1942

Ann Morrison Reams
771 Bon Air Circle
Lynchburg, VA. 24503
amrsbc@verizon.net

I'm excited for our Big 65th Reunion, May 18-20 at SBC! We'll have a representative group though many haven't yet made a commitment. **Betsy Gilmer Tremain** and Mike, **Ann Hauslein Potterfield** and Tom, and **Betty Blackmer Childs** and Mackall will be there. Also **Sudie Clark Hanger** and Bill hope to make it. A Christmas card from **Edith (Edie) Brainerd Walter** told that George died in fall. We send sympathy to her and others who suffer a loss. She'd like to come if she can. **Dana Greene Helfrich** lives in a retirement community near Salisbury, MD. Even though she is in a wheel chair, she'd like to come if her daughter can bring her. **Bobbie Engh Croft** and Crosswell moved to a smaller duplex in a retirement community in the same neighborhood in IL, but still winter months in Tucson. I hope they come. I'm working on our Richmond friends to make the trip. **Barbara Ripley Furniss** was the first

1944

Mrs. Pierpont B. Buck
Alice Lancaster
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9357 Covenant Hill Lane
Marshall, VA 20115-9701
pbbuck1@earthlink.net

1945

Mrs. Mary H. King
501 Kimberly Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408-5021

1946

Mary "Polly" Vandeventer Saunders
955 Harpersville Rd
Newport News, VA 23601-1085

1947

Linda McKoy Stewart
18 Osprey Lane
Rumson, NJ 07760
lmckstewart@comcast.net

From Norfolk, VA **Jean Old** reports, "I've had the best life anyone could wish for." Who could top that! Her news is a lifetime of happy skiing, a camel ride across the Jordanian desert, a trek through Indonesia, and a productive, successful career as stock broker with

Wachovia. Jean will attend our 60th Reunion. **Kay Weisiger Osborne** in Salisbury, NC continues her column in *Salisbury Post*, a reliable source of wit and wisdom for faithful readers. Does Kay have the youngest grandchildren, not greats, with twin grandsons Evan and Will Osborne (1)? Any challengers? Class President **Virginia "Ginger" Barron Summer** writes from *Sautee@aol.com*, Nacoochee GA, of looking back at fulfilling 2 cherished ambitions: learning to fly and becoming a SCUBA diver; no small accomplishments! Twice a year Ginger performs with a local chorale, each concert Sold Out. She and husband Lloyd have one daughter, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren, and 2 greats. **Evie White Spearman** is still literary luminary of Huntsville, attracting prominent writers to her hometown for readings and book signings. In addition to teaching adult bible classes at the Episcopal Church, Evie is into local archaeology: "no digging, just research." Evie is Class Chief Luddite, refusing to acknowledge e-mail is here to stay. To speak with Evie, pick up the phone or write a letter! **Ann Colston Leonard** celebrated her Big 8-0 with a grand family gathering. Here they are, all 22! **Aimee Des Plaine McGirt** writes from Southern Pines NC, all is well. She enjoys retirement from teaching foreign languages. **Sara Ann McMullen Lindsay** in Alexandria, VA is licensed by the Episcopal Bishop of Virginia to preach in the Diocese of VA. She's active in the Garden Club of VA. **Katherine Street Sharp**, Nashville, is active with the Thrift Shop of St. Luke's Community House. The Thrift Shop, which she helped start in '80,

is one of her many projects although she closed the tile business that she founded and ran for more than 2 decades. **Mary Lib Vick Thornhill**, Austin, TX, enjoyed a gala 80th birthday party surrounded by husband Scoop, 3 children, and 7 grandchildren. From happy photos, it's clear that Mary Lib is as pretty as ever. She's active in several art societies. The capital of TX is more beautiful than it might otherwise be thanks to Mary Lib's hands-on participation in a beautification program. **Sara "Ceci" Cecil Herr Perry**, in Lexington, KY still recalls with pleasure picking apples. It was war time and with all able-bodied men in the service, picking apples was not a sport, but an essential. Ceci identifies herself as a "retired farmer" which sounds pretty good! **Jane Arthur Etheridge Hamlin** moved to a retirement community in Greenville, DE, would love to hear from classmates. Not the least of her achievements is her work as a guide at the Winterthur Museum and silversmithing at the DE Museum of Art. **Marna Bromberg Williams**, retired clinical psychologist, was only 46 when her first husband died, leaving her with 4 children. She's happily remarried, enjoys life in the company of husband Dan Jones. They travel abroad whenever they can. The Jones reside in Winter Park, FL. **Nan Hart Stone**, retired from an illustrious teaching career, lives with husband William W. in the Holy City, a.k.a. Richmond, VA, and plans to attend our 60th Reunion. **Joann Miller Anderson** and husband William are fortunate to have all 3 adult children living near them in Greensboro, NC. Joann grows

camellias; she and husband enjoy retired life. **Peggy Robertson Christian** and husband Punky will move to Richmond's Westminster-Canterbury, and are the first to change their address on your Christmas card list: 14 Souder Court, Richmond, VA 23227. **Helen Hardy Browning**, Louisville, KY is still active in journalism, having been editor of 3 major newspapers. She continues as a tutor in Adult Education and functions as a Board Member of her local Episcopal Church. No bluegrass under Helen's feet!

Anne Lie Bowden still married to "my same old guy" after 57 years. A class record? Anne has 5 perfect grandchildren including one super special, who was adopted in China as an infant. Anne keeps in touch with **Ann Colston Leonard** in N. Chevy Chase, MD and **Becky Knapp Herbert** in Dayton, OH. **Carol Blanton McCord** moved happily into a retirement community where she's involved in environmental issues. She keeps in touch with a slew of classmates. As for me, I'm still here in the swamps of NJ, doing my newspaper travel column, *LET'S GO!* It's a very modest undertaking, but this past year it took me to (among others) Malaysia, France, and Chile; certainly beats vacuuming under the beds. My fervent thanks to all of you who responded to my plea for class news.

1949

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I've gleaned interesting news from Christmas cards, emails, and post cards from the Winter *SBC Alumnae Magazine*. Please use these cards, even though you have to address them and add a postage stamp.

Mary Frances Brown Ballard who, in addition to class treasurer chores, is also a great news gatherer, reports her knee is well. Physical therapy is "mandatory forever." Walter and I agree, and we continue thrice-weekly sessions with a trainer, both here and up north when we change locations in May. Sad to report, Mary Fran's mother, Marie, a generous contributor to our class gift to the Coll., the Wings Courtyard, died this winter, age of 105. Mary Fran and Don later had a cheerful trip to TX, visiting family members and attending Celinda and Ross's wedding.

Katie Cox Reynolds and Phil who used to brag about their 45-year longevity in their Hartford, CT, home moved to a low-maintenance, smaller residence, as many of us are doing. I've misplaced their new address, will add it later if found.

Ann Henderson Bannard and Yorke had a visit last winter with **Betsy Brown Bayer**. They saw the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior, AZ, where Ann's sculpture is featured on a stone wall of the visitor center. Walter Brown served on the board there and the dedication of Ann's work was a real SBC event some years ago. The Bannards had a nice auto trip toward the northeast, stopping to have lunch with **Preston Hedges Hill** and Gene, and visiting other friends and family. The Hills earlier had a family gathering to celebrate Gene's 80th birthday. They divide their time between Denver and Aspen when not visiting offspring.

Larry Lawrence Simmons and Charles were thrilled by success of her daughter Susie's play *Strings* which ran "off Broadway" in NYC, winter '06. It got good reviews, including a rave from noted critic John Simon who called it "the most absorbing play in NY today!" The apple doesn't fall far from the tree: Larry composed another delightful Christmas poem as her annual greeting.

The group of '49ers living at Westminster-Canterbury, Richmond will have a new member: **Kitty Hart Belew** is selling her house and moving there to join **Libby Trueheart Harris**, **Mag Towers Talman** and **Caroline Casey Lindemann**. Libby sounds wonderful and still visits Irvington frequently. Mag sounds happy, too.

Caroline Casey Lindemann has traveled a lot since moving to Westminster-Canterbury. She and children enjoyed an annual holiday in Barbados. She took a 10-day trip to England with the Library of VA. The tour included private visits to the great libraries including the Bodleian and the Queen's library at Windsor. Caroline says UVA was to host a reception honoring her gift of a miniature book collection (now over 12,000 titles!), given in memory of first husband C. Coleman McGehee, a UVA '47 graduate. The collection will be known as the McGehee Lindemann Miniature Book Collection and will be housed in the new Albert and Shirley Small Special Collection Library, a fitting place for miniature books!

Mag sent me a news clipping about the Richmond marriage of **Vidmer Megginson Downing's** grandson Guy Coleman Oswalt to a lovely bride, a graduate of St. Catherine's and Hollins. The newly-weds live in Charleston, SC where Guy studies law. Vidmer came up from her Daphne, AL home to attend the wedding.

I talk often to **Mary Louis Stevens Webb**, now living at Bishop Gadsden Retirement community, along with **Goodie Geer DiRaddo** and other Sweet Briarites. Walter and I hope to visit there on our trip north in May. Alice and Patsy seem to be in fine fettle, both busy and active. We had a brief visit from them

winter '07; Patsy also sees young Sandy and wife on the other side of FL.

Walter and I contend with a few health issues, but lead active social lives along with our physical therapy. We hope to drive home this year, stopping in Hilton Head, Charleston, and Richmond, maybe SBC too if we can manage.

Now for sad news: **Fritzie Duncomb Millard** wrote to Mary Fran and others at Christmas time (2006) and noted that she had a 53-year-old daughter and an 18-year-old granddaughter, both freshmen in college this year! Then came word that she had died unexpectedly at her CA home on 3/12. We send deep sympathy to Fritzie's family. I have an address for her son: Brooke Millard 653 S Emerson St. Denver, CO 80209 if anyone wants to write. We'll miss our long-time class president, friend, and song leader.

Emilie Thornton Forte died on 12/31/06 at home in Devon, PA after a struggle with pancreatic cancer. I'll never forget her wonderful piano playing and singing of "The St. James Infirmary Blues" and other great blues numbers. She shared her musical talents throughout her life with her church, family and friends with whom we share condolences.

Our sympathies go also to **Ann Eustis Weimer** whose husband John died on 3/15/07; interment was at Arlington National Cemetery in 4/07.

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I had a glowing note from **Elsie Landram Layton**. She attended SBC's Homecoming fall '06 and for 5 days visited faculty, classes, students and staff. She was impressed with "a very happy, thriving campus." **Jean Yanick Snyder** sent news covering her last 50 years! She has 7 children, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She's a private tutor in her home for high I.Q. ADHD and LD students. Formerly she traveled 4 continents yearly for 4 to 6 weeks. Now her large family keeps her busy. **Henrietta Hill Hubbard** and Charles are great-grandparents to a "beautiful little girl." They're well, although Hennie is part-time driver as Charles has macular degeneration. One grandson clerks for an AL Supreme Court justice, will join a law firm in Montgomery in Jun. **Susan Tucker Yankee** and Dick moved into the Alexian Village Retirement Community after waiting 11 ½ years. It's everything they asked for. Dick had heart by-pass surgery 11/06 with serious complications, all is well now.

Retirement homes are the vogue.

Nancy Storey White is in the care unit in Sarasota, FL. She writes, "Although not running marathons I still get around with limited assistance." **Betty Margraf Waring** and Jim are at Westminster-Canterbury, Richmond, VA, with many SBC Alumnae. "It's fun and is called a cruise ship at anchor." **Nell Greening Keen** moved into one in Tampa, FL. **Joan Teetor Marder** wrote that she has a heart stint, but "looks forward to getting back on the tennis courts." **Mary Moore Lynn** reports "Sir Arthur Itis" has attacked both hands; she's totally dependent on her "trusty old computer." She still works part-time in her brother's office; she and husband Jim are "hanging in there." **Kay LeRoy** is in rehab with a new knee. She has plenty of family and friends visit in FL to take care of her. **Jean Probeck Wiant** had a knee replaced. She was fortunate to drive 6 weeks after and looks forward to having the other one replaced! She continues her fund raising for missions and music organizations. Her grandchildren are growing quickly. One is at Barnard and another 2 about to depart for college. One daughter has a new job raising funds for "Doctors Without Frontiers." **B.G. Elmore** volunteers in the reference department of the local library and in a "Ten Thousand Villages" store. It's non-profit, sells handicrafts from 32 third world countries. In May, she and Guy plan a trip to the Lake District in Northern Italy. **Margaret Lewis Furse** had no recent news and then added, "My husband Austen and I are well, which nowadays, given our rising age bracket, is news." Amen! In spring '06 she researched her family history at UNC. The Archive had letters written in the 1840's and '50s reflecting life in Matagorda Co., TX where her family settled after TX became a state. Her granddaughter, a history major at Yale, and son John joined her for a few days. **Sally Bianchi Foster** and Bob sent news in a Christmas letter; highlight of the year was a trip to the Adirondacks. What a happy time they had with "6 interesting teenagers, 2 kayaks, 2 cameras, a sailfish and lots of tubes for the old folks. No chores permitted except for pouring our own drinks." Sal had a letter from **Ginny Mann York** and husband Albert who live on Long Island, but winter in Venice, FL. Ginny left after freshman year, has fond memories of "the Reid Clan of 1946-47!" **Lola Steele Shepherd** and Deedee spent the night in DC with **Dolly Clark Rasmussen** and John who play music at retirement homes. What instruments Lola didn't say. **Ann Belser Asher** and Norman were also there for dinner. Ann's novel *Four Mile Tree, A Jamestown Legacy* is excellent. It can be purchased in most bookstores and amazon.com. Ann had a good time speaking of her book research, etc. at Dolly's Republican

Women's Club. She'll attend Jamestown's 400th anniversary celebrations. She sees **Sally Lane Johnson**, who is well. **Edith Brooke Roberts** and Peyton were smoked out of their 12th floor apartment (a bachelor left his coffeepot running). They were holed up in one room studio apartment for months till renovations were finished. They took a break in Mar. for a 10-day tour of Greece and to visit Peyton's nephew, former ambassador to Slovenia.

Unfortunately, there is sad news: **Pat Owens Purvis** lost her husband Tom to a sudden stroke. They planned a trip to England and Wales, she went with her daughter Lisanne Davidson '78 and family. In Oct., she and Lisanne went to Disneyland and nearby places. Christmas, she and 19 family members went to Costa Rica. Jun., she and family will return to England and Wales. She's active, enjoys family and friends. In Nov. **Francis Martin Lindsay** and Harvey lost their granddaughter Kelly in a very tragic accident. I know class members wish to express their deepest sympathy to both families. Thanks to B.G., Lola, and Sally B. for keeping me posted on many of you.

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I've enjoyed hearing from many of you and hope more will be in touch for the fall. I don't have e-mail in the summer, but will return mid-Sept.

Mona Wilson Beard: Her family had a reunion in HI last summer where she and her husband lived for 26 years. She lives in Charlottesville where she owns a therapy dog, hopes to host a coffee for prospective SBC students. **Betty Brouder Nibley** is a retired library faculty member of American U. She keeps busy exercising and traveling to England, the Caribbean and Kiawah Island where she met **Alli Tillran Baird**. Loves her 8 grandchildren. **Mary Pease Fleming** visited **Barbara Birt Dow** and Bill in their new home, Wayne, PA. She saw **Joan Davis Warren** on that visit. She loved seeing **Sue Taylor Lilley** at reunion. It was a joy for me to have a note from **Betty Crisler Buchignani**. She has 3 wonderfully successful children, 8 grandchildren, and a football star at Princeton. She and husband still live in their 85-year-old home, Memphis. **Lynne McCullough Gush** is busy with teaching and house repairs.

She has a duet concert scheduled for 6/20/07. Meanwhile, her 90 lb. year-old Weimarauner puppy, purchased last April Fools' Day, is being obedience trained (by Lynne) more or less all day. Between sessions, she attends ballet class; it's nice to hear orders issued by someone other than herself!

Joanne Williams Frasier: Max Ray, Joanne's son responded to my e-mail. His mother has rapidly progressing Alzheimer's. He has become her caregiver. **Janet Broman Dingle**, proud grandmother of Janet, and sister Joan Broman Wright '56 are off to the waterways of Holland and Belgium, May. **Patty Lynas Ford** had trips to Costa Rica and AL in '06. Her AL trip took her down the Yukon on to Denali National Park and then Anchorage. Her husband is having a hip replacement as I write. **Eugenia Ellis Mason**'s husband died in Petersburg, VA. **Ann Petesh Hazzard** was elected chairman of the Goodwin House Residents Council in Alexandria. **Ann Sheldon Hamilton** and Bill had put their house on the market in preparation to move to the Westminster retirement home in Richmond. **Annie Moo** and George have a social calendar that would make a debutant dizzy!

I still coordinate the 95 meals sent out by the Meals on Wheels Office in Hilton Head daily. We love living 2 lives. It never gets boring in one place. Have 2 wonderful dogs, love the birds, and keep my hand in at bridge. Do keep news coming my way. I love hearing from you.

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We lost wonderful classmate **Joan Potter Bickel** in Jan. '07 after a long illness. She had developed MS not too many years after our graduation, later suffered a series of strokes. Our sympathies go to her husband, Henry, her sister and family. SBC has learned that **Robin Francis** died in 3/04. I hope you've read her books. They were radical for their time, but could fit right in now and become a TV series. Joan's and Robin's names will be read at the Alumnae Memorial Service

during Reunion in spring. **Ann Thomas Donohue** is well except her joints. Her knees and now sciatica slow her down. Fortunately, husband Tom is a gourmet chef! Ann had heard from **Karen Looker Hyde**, living in their wonderful woods house in the mountains of VA. She saw bear footprints on the window panes recently. She also had a hip replacement. **Logan Bentley Lessaro** wrote just after my last notes were due, at which time she was recovering from being thrown by a throw rug. She fractured her coccyx; fortunately her head hit the wooden floor in the hall rather than bathroom file. She'll be writing for the International Spoleto Festival again after being successful at getting articles on the wire services and in Architectural Digest. Her websites are doing well. Be sure to check out her blog about all things now in Italy: <http://made-in-italy.com/blog/blog.htm>.

A voice from the past emailed me! **Katherine "Kitty" Willcox Reiland** lives in Fox Hill Village retirement community, Westwood, MA. It must be good; there are 6 people over 100 living there. Kitty started a group for visiting homebound, nursing home residents, and hospitalized members of their First Parish Church. She's active in bridge and book clubs, takes physical therapy in warm waters of the local WMCA, reads to 2 blind neighbors daily, and piggybacks on Bill's computer lessons. They went back to Columbus, OH, for sister's 80th birthday. I wonder if she saw **Jeanne Stoddard Barends** while there.

We have no trips planned this year except to meet my sister and family at North Topsail Island, NC, for a week on the beach in Jun. I'll need the rest after the 17-day outdoor art show during the Spoleto Festival in Charleston. This may be my last year to do the show; I'm ready to retire. I won another honorable mention (out of 595 entries) for one of my photos. This one was in the award-winning SC Wildlife Magazine's annual photo contest. The photograph of a yellow lotus blossom may be published in the magazine later this year. Didn't you enjoy hearing news from people you haven't thought about for a while! We'd love to hear from more of you lurkers out there. Drop me a line just to say how you are!

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First we acknowledge sad occasions and send our love and condolences to **Marty Hedeman Buckingham** who lost dear Richard in 4/06; to **Dede Crater Pearse** on the death of daughter Elizabeth in Aug.; and to the family of **Chase Lane Bruns** who lost her lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's disease 12/28/06.

On a happy note, we still manage to circle the globe in our travels. **Phyllis Herndon Brissenden** went to India, South Africa and Botswana. Business travel again took **Mitzi Streit Halla** and Roman to various locations in the So. Pacific; they managed a recreational cruise to celebrate their 50th anniversary, traveling from Buenos Aires to Santiago. **Ginger Chamblin Greene** managed to find walls to climb in Vienna & Salzburg on her Austrian holiday. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall had a fine tour of the Canadian capitals last summer and spent time with the 14 grandchildren. As I write this, **Kathleen Peebles Ballou** and Dennis are in Australia. Dennis teaches GA Tech students in their semester abroad. Kathleen wrote: "He'll teach at Oxford and then in Metz, France, this summer and next winter, so y'all come visit!" Kathleen wrote of a mini-reunion last spring at Sea Island, GA. Participants were **Betty Byrne** and Hudnall Ware, **Helen "Honey" Addington Passano** and Bill, **Emily Hunter Slingluff** and Doug Mackall. **Sue Lawton Mobley** and John, **Newell Bryan Tozzer**, and **Camille William Yow**. For **Bar Plamp Hunt** and George, the Jun. celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination was a highlight. All the family, including **Lydia Plamp Mower**, gathered for the event. The Hunts were on hand at the National Cathedral in Washington DC in the fall for the investiture of the new Presiding Bishop, a glorious occasion. Everyone traveled to visit family, especially grandchildren; they were all over the US. The Hunts used their trip to the East coast to visit their NJ and MD families. **Renis Siner Paton** and Bill spent Christmas at Rehoboth Beach, DE, with 21 family members. Mitzi and Roman Halla made 3 trips to Maine during summer to visit 5 of their grandchildren. My travel plan, when I have to leave my sunny beach, will include our annual mini-reunion; a long weekend in the wilds of central MI with **Amanda McThenia Iodice** and Don, **Fritz Merriman Naylor**, **Didi Stoddard** and **Ginger Greene**.

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Ladies, we need a help here. The College no longer sends the cards we once used for gathering notes; now it's up to us to get in touch with you. We don't have everyone's e-mail address, nor do we have the time to write to each. We hope you'll will pick up your pen or type us a note if you have news. Once a year, a card is placed in the Winter *SBC Alumnae Magazine* for you to address to me and send notes.

While going through notes from Reunion, we found the introduction that **Nancy St. Clair Talley** wrote for our performance of songs from *The Virgins of Menace*, thought you might like to know how she took us back to the '50s. "Most of you can't imagine what it was like: Before the pill; Before Equal Pay for Equal Work; Before something like NOW or an ERA, as ridiculous ideas then as a real man on the moon; Before anyone came out of the closet, much less as a bishop in the Episcopal Church; Before your father glowed with pride if you spoke of graduate school, medical school or law school; Before you ever heard the four-letter words some children use today on the playground. In addition, here's what it was like: Nice girls were good girls from prudence or fear at least as often from virtue; The glass ceiling was also a glass door through which only nurses, teachers, and secretaries entered; The unmarried were old maids at 23 and pitiable at 30; Most fathers, given a choice, would rather have had an MRS than an AB for his SBC tuition."

The perfect intro to the plight of our era! Now, to what news we have. **Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham** writes that **Catherine Lotterhos Mills** and husband have a house in Hendersonville, NC and hosted a mini-reunion, summer '06, with she and Jim, **Nancy Salisbury Spencer** and husband, and **Ann Stevens Allen**. 5 classmates have houses in western NC including **Rose Montgomery Johnston** and **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes**. **Parkie Carroll Mulholland** and Jack spent their first Christmas as snowbirds in their FL home. Days are filled with tennis, golf, hosting family and friends. **Norma Davis Owen** and Penn celebrated the marriage of Penn III in Nov. All look like movie stars in the picture as Memphis lost its most eligible bachelor! But they gained a lovely daughter-in-law. **Macie Clay Nichols** and family return to Provence for Jun.

and will be joined by daughter Martha, son-in-law Eric and Henri (2 ½) plus son Rob and wife Susanna from Barcelona and friends. This idyll has gone on for 21 years, one month every other year, in a renovated stable outside St. Remy; we feel almost like natives now. The youngest of the 3 Grider girls, daughter of **Meredith Smythe Grider**, will marry on 7/7/07 in MI and because she has waited for a long time plus been in so many weddings, it's going to be a blow-out. We're hoping for a sunny, beautiful day; happiness is in the air. **Jane Slack Sigloh's** book, *Like Trees Walking*, will be released by Cowley Publications in Apr. Please note the address for **Margaret "Mitzi" Djerf De Ridder** is that of another Margaret de Ridder, which puts Mitzi on the "lost" list.

Losses we note with sadness: **Carolyn Pannell Ross's** husband Dudley and **Barbara Collis Rodes's** husband Joe. Also, **Joyce Fackner Bliss** died suddenly after arriving home from reunion.

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Having not heard from many, I called New Mexico and weee! I got **Penny Fisher Dunklee** in Las Cruces, NM, currently showing her watercolors at the Main St. Gallery. She has her own website, www.pennydunklee.com, where you can see them for yourself. Husband John is a writer of historical fiction (and we want to read his books!) and has a website, www.Johndunklee.com. Penny recommends, *Girl from New Hope*. I very much wanted to continue in NM with **Ann Bush Dunlap** in Albuquerque, but couldn't get her phone number. Ann! Let us hear from you! Back east, I called a bunch of people who were out and left messages. I did

get **Betsy Salisbury Creekmore** on the phone from Jackson, MI. Betsy finished at Millsaps Coll. and married Wade. They reared 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren "all living nearby." Betsy would love to get back for our 50th, we're counting on it.

I reached **Joanne Bossert Thompson** in Bonita Springs, FL. She comes back to VA to see her sister-in-law and grandchildren at UVA. I hope to see her sometime when she's up this way. They're world travelers, much of the time on bicycles! As members of the Bonita Bay Bicycling Club, they visited the Loire Valley and going to Vietnam to celebrate this important birthday many of us are having. They GOTTA be in shape! **Betsy Smith White** and Bill in Charlotte are leaving their home of 42 years where they reared 3 daughters, moving to a condo "right up the hill," which Bill and his co. built in the 70s. Since they spend time in their Mt. retreat in Highlands, NC, they expect to enjoy simpler living in Charlotte. Now 2 daughters and children live there too. Betsy says **GINNY Robinson Harris's** daughter in Charlotte is a beloved and respected veterinarian. **Mary Blair Scott Valentine** and I (Mary Ballou Handy Stettinui Reynolds Ballentine—I'm desperate for words to fill this column) went to Boca Grande with our bridge club, **Lizora Miller Yonce** and husband Sam entertained us in their charming cottage. Next day, we went on a LONG bicycle trip around the island with Lizora guiding us. Horray! **Betty Smith White** looks forward visiting AL this summer with children and grandchildren, 14 in all! **Pickie Payne Hester** told me that her life involves enjoyment of 5 granddaughters. I have to add I enjoy seeing at book group **Courtney Gibson Pelley** at one of her grand ocean-front houses, but I'll get a run-down on that for the next notes.

If you don't write, call or visit me, that'll be about all I'll have to tell you about. Please let me hear from you. We were so sad to learn of the death of classmate **Vivian Butler Scott** and send condolences to her family.

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Greetings! This article includes news from those who responded to my email and phone calls. I'd appreciate hearing from anyone else for future articles! In Baltimore, MD, **Mary Ellen Dohs Acey** continues to marvel at all the day-time activities retirement permits. In addition to volunteer work, she plans to start mentoring at public schools in fall. In Durham, NC, **Judy Barnes Agnew** reads, plays bridge, and visits children who live in NY and Atlanta. **Jane Allan** writes that she's retired from the Red Cross and the Volusia County government, is settled in Ormond Beach, FL where she enjoys life. **Joanne Harrier Barker** lives in the Lawrenceville, NJ area, spends most of the winter dancing the tango in San Miguel De Allende, Mexico. From Louisville, KY, **Lydia Montgomery Bond** finally stopped smoking after 50 years. She's exercising to combat the inevitable weight gain. A recent highlight was Thanksgiving in Seattle with 2 daughters and families. I had a nice conversation with husband Bob, who reports that **Ann Smith Bretscher** (Athens, GA) remains cheerful and able despite difficulties with her mental disease. They traveled to San Francisco in late Mar. to revisit a doctor with expertise in the field. **Nina Wilkerson Bugg** and Bill love small town life in Highlands, NC, the only place either of them has lived outside Atlanta. This has been a difficult time for **Isabel Ware Burch** who lost husband Bob last Oct. She lives in Williamsburg, VA, and visits 2 sons in Philadelphia. **Sue Styer Cahill** (Reading, PA) and Ed returned to HI this winter where she lived for 3 years after graduating. They had a grand reunion with **Janet Maynard Henderson** living there. They'll meet Janet again in Apr. when she comes east to see her son on Long Island. Sue visited **Ann Reinecke Clark** in Wilton, CT last summer. Ann enjoys spending winters in Venice, FL rather than battling the cold.

Barbara Beam Denison still paints and frames in Bethesda, MD. She and George traveled to Ireland and Costa Rica; plan a sailing trip from Venice to Athens. They make visits to CA where 3 daughters and their families reside. **Donna Kerkam Grosvenor** and 27-year partner Chris White live in Santa Fe, NM where she teaches yoga. Near Chesapeake, MD, **Barbara Murphy Hale** and Phil hope to settle in a house they're building by the end of summer. They celebrated an important birthday, an anniversary, and Phil's 50 years before the bar by taking a trip to China, 4/06.

Barbara wrote that **Margaret Kistler Jackson** deals with a very ill daughter and would appreciate notes from us. Please call or email me for her contact address. **Adrianne 'A' Massey Hill** and Mal are adjusting to life in Atlanta, GA, where they sing in the Episcopal Cathedral of Saint Philip Choir, she's also in the Evensong Choir. They both play the piano on a regular basis and attend courses, lectures, and concerts at Emory. They enjoyed visits from **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and Bob, as well as **Elie Crosby Erdman** and David. **Jane Halderman Hope** enjoys life by herself in Louisville, KY, and keeps good company with a cat and dog. Of 5 grandchildren, 3 live close. She reports that **Cookie Canaday Mays**, deals with rheumatoid arthritis, perhaps as a result of years actively running an asparagus and flower farm in KY. Now living in Sanibel FL, she has had 2 knee replacements and an operation on her hand.

From Charlottesville, VA, **Elizabeth Mead Howard** finished her book *Getting Ready for the Rest of Our Lives*; now she needs an agent. She relayed that **Suzanne Reitz Weinstein** published her late husband's novel *Circus*, available online via Amazon or Barnes and Noble. In Canada, **Pat Russell Howard** finds her mandatory retirement from U. of Toronto a blessing; she discovered a 2nd career in painting and drawing. One reason for alumnae to send news is to make new connections. Such is the case with **Heidi Wood Huddleston**, who spends time in Hilton Head, SC, now that husband Joe finished his commitment as Senior Judge on the Court of Appeals in Bowling Green, KY. Via email, I introduced them to our good friends living in Hilton Head. Heidi and Joe plan an extended trip to Spain this fall. **Mary Anne Claiborne Johnston** has retired from teaching at the U. of CO Health Sciences Center. After moving around the country a dozen times, she and Dick settled in Silverthorne, CO, where he serves as the Associate Dean of Research Development at the U. of CO. They travel frequently for business and to visit the 7 grandchildren. **Judy Cowan Jones** continues to live in Waynesboro, VA, where she is involved in galas for the Artisans Center of VA and the Shenandoah Valley Art Center. She's a member of a committee trying to raise 2 million dollars for renovations to a local historic theater. This is her last year as captain of the ladies country club golf team. Of 3 children, one daughter has distinguished herself by developing her own Vodka called Square One. Try it! It has gotten good reviews! In Dallas, TX, **Jane Riddle Lancaster** is a super nana to 8- going-on-9 grandchildren! She and John escape TX heat for 4-5 months at their new house in Grandfather Mtn, NC. She sees **Lee Cullum**, who is still "doing

TV." **Maline Gilbert McCalla**, who visits in San Miguel, is writing a book. Maline, keep us posted on that project! **Ann Crowell Lemmon** writes of joy in birth of a Bugg grandson (remember that her daughter married Nina Bugg's son). She says the Atlanta SBC Alumnae Club presented its 40th year of Living Room Learning; this year they read and discussed Faulkner and Ellen Glasgow. From Santa Fe, NM, **Peggy Cook Lunt** had dinner with **Kathy Knox Ennis**, there for a Junior Year in Spain reunion. In Feb., **Linda Sims Newmark** (Salem, SC) traveled to Rome with daughter Anna and son Rob; then in March she spent a week in London with her son and his family. Seeing the sights through the eyes of grandchildren (13 and 10) was an experience. In Seattle, WA, **Carol Barnard Ottenberg** is perfecting bridge and tennis skills since retiring as a research interviewer. She's involved in volunteer and church activities. In Apr. she traveled to Salzburg/Munich on an opera and music tour, met up with husband Simon to visit cousins in Switzerland. **Liz Few Penfield** and **Teddy Hill** continue work to bring New Orleans back to life. They live in the French Quarter which wasn't flooded, but much of the city remains devastated. Liz says you have to see the damage to believe it. They continue to travel and are involved in a conservancy on the edge of the Masai Mara in Kenya.

From Piedmont, CA, **Barbara Bell Peterson** writes the distressing news that she's battling lung and brain cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. This winter, **Patti Powell Pusey** and Bill (Richmond, VA) spent 7 weeks in Boca Grande, FL where they enjoyed time with **Carolyn King Ratcliffe**, husband Clyde, and **Rhett Ball Thagard**. Carolyn and Rhett played nurse to Patti after she had unexpected arthroscopic surgery on her knee. They also spent a night with **Ginger Newman Blanchard** and Bob in their new condo in Vero Beach, had dinner with **Winkie Wimbish Chalfont** and Ed in Pointe Vedra. I talked to **Janet Holmes Rothard** living in Bat Cave, NC after retiring from real estate 4 years ago. She is involved in social services, deals with adoptions and foster care for children. She breeds and shows English Bull dogs; in Feb., one of her females finished her championship and won Best of Breed in Greenville, SC. Janet says she's going to shift to breeding Cavalier King Charles dogs (small spaniel with long coats). They aren't as heavy, easier to pick up. **Susan Hendricks Slayman** (St Helena Island, SC) and Kelson took a cruise from San Diego to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal. They plan another cruise on the Danube this summer.

Jean Morris Stevenson and Oon spend winters at their ranch in TX, then migrate to Charlotte, NC for summer.

They make trips to Tucson to check on a grandson born at 27 weeks. After prayers and positive thoughts, he's stable and progressing nicely. Since Charlie's death 6 years ago, **Joyce Cooper Toomey** spends half year at her condo in Vero Beach, FL and the other half at her condo in Annapolis, MD. I believe she might hold the record for the most grandchildren; there are 14 of them, ranging from an h. s. graduate to a 1-year-old! **Sally Underhill Viault** (Rock Hill, SC) suffered a stroke 4/06 and has been through a difficult rehabilitation process. She walks and talks, but needs to rest often. She thanks you for your prayers. In Feb., **Jane Tatman Walker** and Frank hosted the **Newmarks, Buggs and Lemmons** in their U. Park, FL home. They filled 4 days with golf, the Ringling Museum complex, eating, and partying. After returning to Indianapolis at the end of Mar., they embarked on a cruise to Beijing and parts of Japan and Hong Kong. In spring, **Winnie Ward** and husband Jim, inspired after trekking in Nepal, went on a 2nd trip to Bhutan. They live in Jefferson, NH where she is involved with amateur theater, conservation and the Historical Society. **Tucky McFall Ziebold** and John (Charleston, WV) were to be part of the reunion at the **Walkers** in FL, but couldn't attend due to medical issues. They travel to see a daughter in CA and to their house in Rehoboth, DE. As for me, **Lura Coleman Wampler**, (Wayne, PA) my happiest times are spent having fun with our 6 grandchildren in CA, Boston, and PA.

Lucy Martin Gianino and I share the honor of being grandmothers to the 2 in Boston, Coleman Martin and Adelle Ann Wampler. I've recovered from my knee replacement last Oct. Right before Christmas husband Fred barely survived a torn aorta. The doctors call him miracle man. As we all know, each day is a gift to be treasured! If we could, I'd ask all of us to join hands to give thanks for our blessings, to send healing to those who are sick and to remember dynamic **Barbar Bowen Moore** who died in Sedona, AZ last Oct. after a 9-year battle with breast cancer.

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At Reunion '06, 10 members of our class assembled by the pool at Brad and **Bee Newman Thayer's** farm, Kenmore, Sat. afternoon. President **Winifred Storey Davis** saluted the 4 co-chairs of the class fundraising committee, **Mary Cosby Rinehart**, **Willia Fales Eckenberg**, **Mary Denny Scott Wray**, and **Celia Williams Dunn**. Our Class gave \$115,000, had 63% participation, and received an award at Convocation. Also at Convocation, the 50th Reunion Class of '56 was out in force as the "Virgins of Menace;" members of '46 were recognized. Needing someone with a sense of humor, Winifred nominated **Louise Cobb Boggs** to be our president for 5 years. Everyone was glad she accepted. The 4 fundraising chairs agreed to continue good work for our 50th Reunion gift. Celia recommended the Friends of Art as a worthy organization. Funds given to these Friends are often used for acquisitions, particularly contemporary women artists' works on paper. Looking ahead to our 50th Reunion and our class's skit during Convocation, Winifred mentioned that **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** contributed much to our senior show. Louise gave a fine recall of songs from that triumph. **Babs Childrey Fowler**, **Jane Garst Lewis**, **Judy Greer Schulz**, **Bette Hutchins Sharland**, and **Margaret Storey Wasson** were present. Sat. evening was beautiful; we had a lovely time catching up outside, taking an occasional dance to the energetic "Chairmen of the Board." Sunday's highlight was the comparison of knee replacement scars by 3 of us, followed by fond farewells.

After Reunion, Louise, John, and friends took "a fabulous 15-day cruise, with land stays from Barcelona through the Greek and Croatian Isles to Dubrovnik." Son Jay finished law school, moved back to Atlanta. The Boggs moved from their house of 35 years to one they built 10 min. away. It has everything on the first floor, bedrooms upstairs for company, children and grandchildren. At 5 min. from the club, John "is in golfers' heaven. They've completed a new fitness center, so maybe I'll add other exercises to the yoga I still practice." The blue Danube is a popular destination. Last fall, Winifred and Tread, Margaret and Ed, and Bee and Brad visited our ambassador to the Czech Republic, Bill and **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss** in Prague, "a special evening we will never forget." The Residence holds extraordinary artwork, including Catherine's own. From

Prague, they traveled to the Danube for a cruise to Budapest, wonderful weather and sights. Back in NH, after wintering ("busy and fun") in FL, Bee continues to experiment with her digital camera. Her new knee "works very well," she spends a lot of time golfing. On the way back to Birmingham, Bill and Catherine visited the Czech National Building, NY, had dinner with **Jeanne Bounds Hamilton** and Ross. They attended a Czech-American concert by the Hawthorne String Quartet at Simon Rock Coll. in Great Barrington, MA. John and **Alicia Laing Salisbury** also cruised "up the Danube and down the Rhine, from Budapest to Amsterdam," Octoberfesting throughout Bavaria. Alicia comments: "Serving on the Republican National Committee hasn't been all glamour. However, having fine food and wine at the White House with George and Laura as they lit the Christmas tree was pretty nifty." **Mary Denny Scott Wray** is fascinated with her work with the search committee for the Richmond Symphony Music Dir./Conductor. With symphony friends, she went to Vienna and Prague, enjoying "wonderful music." Also on the Danube and visiting Catherine and Bill in Prague were Fritz and **Suzanne Seaman Berry**, who enjoyed that "beautiful city." They visited Kathmandu, a place with regular political problems. After his teaching time, they took a holiday to Chitwan, to see a tiger, maybe. They saw paw prints, but no tiger. There were sloth bears, which aren't slothful, as in South America, jungle cats, one-horned rhinos, and "tons of birds." The camp depends on visitors, but was half-full. Suzanne wonders if it will be self-supporting and continue to give funds to surrounding towns. Our senior year in h.s., Hungarians threw the Soviets out and kept them out for almost 2 weeks. This was carefully watched in **Bette Hutchins Sharland's** town. Freshman year, she wrote a term paper for Dr. Schwartz in Introduction to Contemporary Civilization, the Hungarian Revolution of 1848. Last fall, the Sharlands went to central Europe. In Budapest, feeling very foreign, Bette resolutely tucked in juice and eggs as she looked at the display case beside her: 2 large pistol-like guns, 3 swords, and some etchings. That hotel and restaurant was a gathering spot for Hungarians opposed to the Hapsburgs in 1848. She was re-united with her term paper!

Faith Bullis Mace notes that most are celebrating our 50th h.s. reunion. She recalls when her mother celebrated hers, how oodl Faith thought she was! Her latest grandchild was born Jan., when Faith and Dick were on a cruise to the Panama Canal. They have 11 grandchildren; 6 girls, 5 boys. Faith hoped to see **Suzie Philion Babcock**, lively and attractive as ever. The Maces will spend summer in Gettysburg. **Judy Harris Cutting** looks forward to her 50th

h.s. reunion in Charlotte. She hopes that **Mary Hunter Kennedy Daly** and **Judith Atkins Wall** will be there. She celebrates having triplets (6) and their mom for 2 weeks at Christmas in their 2-bedroom house. "It was lively and snug. I managed to lose my cool only once." She and Tom plan a jaunt to Chile/Patagonia with friends in fall. In Sept., **Lou Chapman Hoffman** will go to her 50th in Raleigh. She continues work on New Orleans artist Josephine Crawford for the Historic New Orleans Collection. **Judy Greer Schulz** enjoys as concerts at SBC, and thought the Christmas Lessons and Carols superb. She enjoys Nick Ross's piano recitals. SBC tells us **Mary Carmichael Bass** died in Mar. in VA Beach. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Sara Finnegan Lycett was housebound by ice when she wrote from Southern PA. Sweet Briar's Dir. of SBC Art Galleries and of Arts Management, Rebecca Massie Lane stayed with the Lycetts in their Baltimore home while attending a seminar. She said great things about the goings-on of campus. Our golfer, **FeeFee Mathews Tingley** spends winter and spring in Wilmington, NC, though she and her husband escaped to FL and warm temps. **Ruth Jones Bassett** from Martinsville, VA keeps track of her children and grandchildren who live near Wilmington, having bought a "fabulous place on the ocean at Wrightsville Beach." FeeFee reports that Ruth is as "beautiful as ever, still loves a good giggle." She looked forward to watching "some good golf swings" during the Masters in Augusta. **Simone Aubry** spends summers in her gardens, hopes that a new 7ft fence will let her enjoy her roses and fruit trees without local deer. Late summer she toils over a hot stove, and shares her pantry of homegrown produce through winter. Her major project is a "wish list" of everything she could want in a house. A toxic mold problem forced her to tear down the little house on the property bought 36 years ago, keeping only the indoor exercise pool and barn/garage. With her arthritis in mind, she plans to design her house so that she may remain at home whatever the future holds.

Through the magic of internet, **Willia Fales Eckerberg** responded from Australia, where she visited daughter Alice enjoying 2 days in Melbourne. She loves Australia, "but it's just too far away." In fall, she hopes to get to SBC "an academic program. To say that we're no longer loved around the world is an understatement. So sad." **Claiborne Smith Jones's** daughter, Tali, married "on the beach of Hanalei Bay on Kauai, HI in Aug. She came onto the beach on a double-hulled canoe from the bay, pretty spectacular, lots of fun." Son Trent, wife and daughter, a toddler, live in LA. Claiborne visits often. She has

seen **Ginger Penn Plexico** several times. Ginger's 2 children live in the San Francisco area, and she looks "great and is fun as ever." **Margaret Gwathmey** wonders how many classmates have new hips. She broke hers in 8/06. She travels between MD and San Francisco twice a year, trying to live fulltime in both places. From Seattle, **Diane Stevens** toured Turkey and had a "terrific rafting trip in the Grand Canyon." A breast cancer survivor, she "feels fortunate to be in a city with cutting-edge research on this insidious disease." She hikes and volunteers with the Seattle Chamber Music Society, Pacific Northwest Ballet, the opera and the public schools. She hopes some of us will pass through Seattle. "It would be great to reconnect."

Patti Anderson Warren retired from the Marin County Women's Commission after 21 years, but worked to produce the 18th Marin Women's Hall of Fame celebration dinner for 400. Light snow made for limited CO skiing with her grandchildren. Mar., she re-visited the Caribbean and passed through the Panama Canal. She extends an open invitation to visit if in the San Francisco area. Our gardener "to the max," **Fran Brackenridge Neumann**, is on the board of Descanso Gardens, a local botanical garden, "a jewel," and serves 7 western states as a Dir. for the Garden Club of America. Her mother died peacefully last summer. Fran's "happy, busy, and lucky to have her health, good friends and great husband." Simone's closing sums up our situations: "I'm very content with my life. It's good, it's busy, it's happy, ever hopeful, sometimes exasperating, but always bestowed with many blessings."

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Our class interests are summed up in 2 words: "travel" and "grandchildren" and often both together! **Randy Kendig Young** is a perfect example. She and Ron rented a house in Umbria, 6/06. Children and grandchildren joined them. Randy's her granddaughter is looking

at prep schools, which makes her feel ancient! **Margaret Millender Holmes** and Tom went on a dream trip to New Zealand; Tom has always wanted to go. Maggie says it's a beautiful country with beautiful people; she's ready to go back! **Polly Wirtzman Craighill** enjoyed a family trip to Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Polly spends 2 weekends each year with each grandchild. She enjoyed seeing **Rachel McHugh Lilly** in Charlottesville recruiting at UVA. **Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck traveled to China, Tibet, and Cambodia last fall. Sue says, "All you've read about China being on the move is absolutely correct!" They enjoy having grandchildren, twins (7), and one (6), visit them on St. Simons Island. Maybe Sue can give pointers to **Valerie Elbrick Hanlon** who became the grandmother of twins in Jan. Valerie commuted to NYC to help with the new family, but is now in Paris for several months. I'm excited to have arranged having long-time clients of mine rent her Paris apt. next Nov. **Cynthia Hubard Spangler** took a break from babysitting 3 grandchildren, traveled to Provence with friends in spring. **Katherine Haskell Subramanian** is our most exotic traveler. She went on a 2 week trip to Bahia, Brazil, with a group studying Yoga of the Voice and participated in cultural activities out of reach to tourists including a purification ceremony in the Afro-Brazilian religious tradition with Afro-Brazilian dance, drumming, and chanting. Jul., she travels to Ladakh in N. India with a group led by a Buddhist monk. First they'll stop in Dharmasala and meet the Dalai Lama privately. **Lyn Clark Pegg** sent "Hola" from an internet cafe in San Juan del Sur in Nicaragua where she attended a Spanish language school and traveled the island of Ometepe in Lake Nicaragua. **Katharine Blackford Collins** and John left their Comala, Colima, Mexico home for 3 weeks in Argentina in Apr. In July they'll return to WY for 6 months "to taste of winter for a change." In Nov. they'll raft through the Grand Canyon and in Aug., celebrate their first grandchild. **Ginger Cates Mitchell** and Mitch are "trying to keep up with our children and grandchildren who live all over the map between NY and Mexico." They managed a month in South East Asia, "a wonderful trip, all by ourselves!" As usual, **Betty Stanly Cates** visited many classmates. **Stevie Fontaine Keown** and Mark were visiting friends in Vero Beach and came to dinner in Feb. **Nancy Dixon Brown** visited a week which included the annual SBC cocktail party and lecture. **Mary Lou Morton Seilheimer** and Charlie attended the festivities also, taking time away from that new grandson in NY. **Lucetta Gardner Mannion** and Ed came for a night. A few days later, **Nikki Griess Deupree** and Tom did too. When she answered my call for news she was

expecting **Julia Arnold Morey** and Russ to visit. Betty hadn't seen Lu Mannion, her SBC roommate, in 25 years. They had a great catch-up session. Nikki Dupree also wrote about a visit with Betty and told of a HI vacation which went wrong in '04. Her husband encountered a bad form of strep and nearly died, unfortunately did lose one leg below the knee and some of his fingers, but he recovered and is as active as ever. Nikki and Tom plan a cruise in Jun. through the Norwegian fjords, up to the Barents Sea above the Arctic Circle.

Margaret "Meg" McKenzie Nowacki sent a wonderful letter of overdue news. She still teaches 7-12 grade Math at Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Orange, CT, her 27th year. She has a married son and a daughter; unfortunately her husband died in 8/03, from complications with diabetes. Meg leads a very busy life, active in church, involved in town-wide education issues and serves as a Police Commissioner for Hamden. 4 mornings a week she starts her day at 6:30 a.m. swimming laps at the h.s.! A newsy e-mail came from **Tish Skinner Dace** in Bonaire. She enjoys "the best scuba diving in the western hemisphere" having made over 500 dives beginning at age 60. Tish is on leave as a theatre critic while writing her next book. She works with Capt. Don Stewart and others on projects to save reefs, preserves oceans, etc. and conducts field research on jellyfish. Tish says "Despite the fact I earned a Ph.D. in English my life has wandered more into science than I expected, which will astonish my old SBC buddies!" Then a note from **Jean Meyer Aloe** read: "I'm enrolled in an M.A. program in Creative Writing, specializing in poetry, 43 years after getting an M.S. in Biology." I guess that evens things up! Jean won a prize for a poem and has been invited to join the Poetry Caravan, a group of about 30 poets in NY and CT who read poetry and conduct workshops in hospitals, senior centers, shelters and hopefully one day, in prisons. **Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch** and Bill bought "the prettiest 1.5 acres "deep in the heart of TX" near "Washington-on-the-Brazos." They're on the official Bluebonnet Trail and have a hill, a pond, bighorn cattle. Electricity, a well, a septic tank and an animal shelter will precede a house. **Prue Gay Stuhr** and Ed took up bird watching after helping a grandchild with a bird watching project. They like going to rural or shore areas to locate new birds. Dalmatian Cole was shown by a handler in several dog shows; they enjoy attending. **Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz** releases her final needlework book in Jun. Her projects and commercial designs can be viewed at www.needleartworks.com. **Lee Kucewicz Parham** and **Stevie**

Fontaine Keown celebrated their mutual 65th birthday 12/30. A party at Stevie's house included **Kathy Caldwell Patten** and **Leslie Buchman Richardson**. Kathy made 2 fabulous trips this winter to Patagonia and then South Africa with her sister to visit her niece studying there. Lee is "actually retiring again. This time for good, maybe!" **Keitt Matheson Wood** and Frank will go to the beach with children and grandsons in Jun. and visit us in CO in Jul., and the Parhams are planning to join. Before then Heinz and I will be heading for Europe on the Queen Mary 2, then visiting family in Berlin and London. **Mary Trabue Meyer** had a car accident in Oct., broke her right arm in 3 places. She's recovered and admonishes everyone to "be careful out there." **Sallie Yon Williams** lost her Dad in Feb. after several years of diminishing health. She's the last of the family and busy with estate matters, etc., after which she'll spend 2 weeks in Verbier, Switzerland, and "overdose on classical music." Another sad note is the death of **Leonora Wikswo Pescosolido's** mother, Mathematics Professor Leonora Wikswo, whom I'm sure you remember. Keep the news coming and remember this time next year we'll gear up for our 45th Reunion. Plan now to be there!

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Someone sent a birthday card that said "May your age never exceed your pairs of shoes." With each birthday now, I'm subtracting a year and buying more shoes! You all have acknowledged this moment, and extended your wishes for health, fun, spiritual blessings, and joy to everyone in the class! **Sheila Carroll Coopridge** continues as the assistant at Christ Church, Spotsylvania. "I work half-time and love it. Retirement is beyond comprehension. Chuck loves it, though he works hard as ever anyway. We travel frequently and will go to Tuscany in fall. Youngest daughter Lea Ann and husband Geoff had our 3rd grandson, Logan Cooper. We look forward to a family reunion in Jun. in Duck, NC. **Jane Bradley** enjoyed a High Museum sponsored trip to San Francisco to see art in museums there, particularly art in private homes. She has 2 children in Atlanta, one not far in Chapel Hill. Jane keeps up with Nancy Hall '61 (who is often in Sea Island, GA). **Susan Bronson Croft** and **Harriet Houston Shaffer Mary Duer Colen** and Joe went to FL twice, once for sun, once for an annual golf outing and wedding. In Jan., they

went to HI where Ted Leach's daughter Kate married a New Zealand man. HI was a good compromise between 2 continents! "Daughter Jennifer and husband bought a large, historically significant house that needs work (they may be crazy!). Their first child is due in May. In the meantime, she practices law in downtown Philadelphia. Ambler and Jamie's baby (13 mos.) has me captivated. They came with us to HI, a wonderful time. As weather improves, we'll be back to our farm on the Chesapeake regularly." **Stephanie Stokes**, as most of you know, is a well-known NY interior designer. She invited alumnae to her apartment for a reception. I couldn't attend, but it was a happy occasion enjoyed by all. **Helen Dunn** enjoys life on the NJ shore, reports that **Elizabeth Matheson** is working on a book of photographs to be published soon. **Tina Platt Kemper** and husband Howard moved to a retirement community. They have more time to enjoy grandchildren and their working farm. **Penny Writer Theis** and Stuart rented a house in Sanibel for 4th grandchild Rowan, a girl, born in Oct. Penny and Rowan's parents (Ginger and Brian) saw her first turnover and first swim. "It is the best! Stu was retired, but now has a part-time position in a business he loves. He's Executive Dir. of The Great Lakes Shipping Assoc. He's also on the Board of our new condominium assoc. After 13 years on the Board of The Holden Arboretum, I stepped down. It was a great experience and if you come to Cleveland, you must stop by to see this wonderful 3,500 acre arboretum." **V.M. DelGreco Galgano** continues "to teach Math at JMU (which I love) and play with grandchildren. I see **Jo Ann Soderquist Kramer** and **Mary "Mollie" Johnson Nelson** when they come to SBC for board meetings, a real treat. I also see **Nancy Lee Gillies** in Charlottesville. She gives hours to the Salvation Army Christmas collections (and a million other causes), but you should've seen her dressed as an elf, with my grandchildren (2 and 4) helping to collect! It certainly attracted attention!" **Sue Thorndike Hunt** isn't retired. She tried to resign as payroll manager of a large company last Oct.; they rejected that and hired 2 people to help her. "I spend way too much time and effort with my job, but it's a great company. This is a big year for me. I'll be 65, middle daughter Carolyn turns 40, youngest daughter Mary Elizabeth will marry in Barcelona in Sept., and there are other family events across the country. God blessed me with 3 beautiful, successful daughters (no grandchildren) with whom I would like to spend more time. It's not easy because we're spread out, I'm in Orange County, CA, oldest Evelyn is a Nurse Practitioner in Nashville, TN.

Carolyn is an attorney in Beverly Hills, and Mary is in Barcelona, Spain. I devote time in my church with Bible studies and, as a widow, am involved with a singles group and women's ministry. Big decisions are on the horizon, the possibilities limitless. I love visitors so if you are in southern CA, call me.

Betsy Pidgeon Parkinson: "Geoff and I enjoy our 6 granddaughters, who live 10 min. away. We're involved with The Marshall Legacy Institute out of Arlington, VA. It was founded in honor of Gen. George Marshall and to continue his work helping war-torn countries. The goal is to eliminate landmines. We're helping to introduce a children's program (CHAMPS – Children Against Land Mines Program) to schools in CT. Students hear a presentation, then see a retired mine dog demonstrate her skills. They love it! They organize fundraisers; the money is put into an account to purchase of a landmine-detecting dog named for their state. We traveled to Bosnia last summer to see dogs in action. An amazing experience! The program also helps landmine victims. It's a satisfying and compelling project. This year, I'm President of our chapter of P.E.O., which raises money for women's scholarships, life is full!"

Kitty Griffith has never been so busy. "I now focus on local politics since our county is among the fastest growing in the state (and the state is among the fastest growing in the US). When we got here, the Board of Commissioners believed in leaving no developer behind. We voted the rogues out in Nov. and have a new BOC to tackle issues and create new programs and government approaches. I'll let you know in Apr. if I become secretary of the Chatham County Democratic Party. I write for a local monthly paper, *Chatham County on Line*. That keeps my brain from rotting. After breaking my leg, 12/28, I'm trying to get in shape." **Anne Little Poulet** is "far from retired and continues to enjoy being Dir. of the Frick where I see classmates like **Ann Day Herrmann** and **Ginny**. Feb. 6, the French Minister of Culture Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres presented me with the medal of Chevalier de 'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres at a beautiful ceremony in the Palais Royal in Paris. My husband and his family, along with French colleagues and friends attended. I'll be taking a group of Frick supporters to Argentina to visit museums, private collections, and to ride horses in Patagonia." Anne and I have enjoyed knowing that our good friend is Dir. of the Frick. When I read Anne's letters to members I hear her voice (and wit) in Eleanor Barton's seminars.

Angie Whaley Leclercq "I'm still Dir. of the Daniel Library at the Citadel, and my best colleague is **Kathleen Stevenson Turner** Fred and I went

to Scotland with SBC in '06. We had a fabulous time even though Fred hates planned trips. We stayed in Oban, visited the Isle of Mull, then went to Edinburgh and visited the east coast. We made friends, and the whole group is going back with SBC to the Dordogne Valley, France in Aug. I've a new book that has been named the number 8 U. Press book for '06. It is Elizabeth Sinkler Coxie's *Tales from the Grand Tour*, a travel adventure. Come visit Charleston and Fred's antique shop. **Leezee Scott Porter** writes that she had a fire in her house in Georgetown 11 months ago. "The good news is that 2 days ago I moved back. I'm so happy to sleep in my own bed again. If anyone has a fire, call me, I may have advice and at the least, sympathy! I live half-time in WA and half-time in Salt Spring Island, BC where Erin, Jesse, and 3 grandchildren live. Signing up for social security was a seminal moment, but each day is happy. Sure beats the alternative!"

Joan Moore Biddle reports "that life in Southern CA and retirement are very agreeable. We see our daughters and grandson Emmet (2) often. We look forward to a cruise to Scandinavia and Russia in Jun. Our cruise to HI in 12/06, was exciting and rewarding, the only way to see the islands! I'm beginning a Children Reading to Dogs program at our new Temecula Library with my Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Ruby, a certified Therapy Dog, to assist children who are shy or anxious about reading aloud. Dogs are accepting and nonjudgmental. Have just taken on Tucker, a second Cavalier puppy. I take pleasure helping with my Garden Club's Youth Gardening program. We joined the Temecula United Methodist Church where I take a Stephen's Ministry course to assist people who need emotional comfort during a life crisis. I miss my NY and VA friends! **Lynne Crow** says "I'm going to take my retirement with Guardian Life this year as they are changing the health benefits for people who retire after 1/1/08. I'll continue to work to avoid drawing down my retirement savings if I don't have to for a while. Besides, it helps pay for trips. I went with the Million Dollar Round Table Foundation (MDRTF) last Oct. to help with a Habitat build in New Orleans. It was very satisfying, but seeing the still devastated city made me sad. I'm flying on 3/11 to the Bahamas with MDRTF and Kids Around The World to build a playground. (I went with them in 1/04 to China to do the same thing). In Jan., I went to Australia for 3 weeks with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT); great trip. My children keep getting older (36, 35, 32); no one has gotten married yet. They're all well. We'll be together for a family wedding in Stockholm, Sweden in Jun. **Lynn Young Johnston Esmay** "Dick and I love his retirement and divide our lives between Lake George, NY, and

Naples, FL, where we share good times with 9 (and still growing) grandchildren, 5 children and friends. I'm showing wrinkles, but appreciate life, health, and leisure to do things I enjoy. Would love to welcome any classmates north or south, and look forward to reuniting with **Mimi Teschner, Susan Croft, Ann Fauber and Judy Evans** at the Croft's lake house in GA this fall. We're celebrating my Medicare Birthday in Umbria, Campagna, and Sicily in Sept. Greetings and well-wishes to all ladies approaching Golden Years." **Lee Houston Carroll** and John moved back to Lexington, KY after a year in Cambridge where John had a fellowship at the Kennedy School at Harvard. Lee says she audited undergrad classes. All in all it was "an amazing opportunity for us." They're retired, though John continues to write and Leigh is involved with volunteer work, enjoys babysitting her grandchild. **Tina Patterson Murray** moved last year. Now daughter and family moved within shouting distance. This isn't easy to do in NY! Tina continues to teach at John Jay and promises that her dissertation is almost done. Her life is moving along and includes a dash of romance (must be that dancing again!). **Rosamond Sample Brown** from Dallas enjoys life there and in San Diego. To celebrate, she arranged a destination birthday in New Orleans with all of her family. She wants to see ya'll! Arrange a mini-reunion and she'll come or go visit her in San Diego. She has lots of travel planned for '07. Green Notes—In addition to my Prius purchase, we find that **M.C. Elmore Harrell** is driving a Ford Escape Hybrid and **Leasie Scott Porter** is driving a Honda Civic hybrid. Kitty Griffith has a Scion XB. I'm sure there are other green autos and things in the '64 family (I dream of a flowering sod roof with a view!). As for me, I still work for a software firm and commute from Lawrenceville to NY. I'm moving slowly to retirement (taking lessons from all of you.). I see **Anne Day Herrmann** in NYC between her travels and talk to **Libby Kopper Scholleart** who bravely took 27 teenagers to France for spring break.

Finally, if any of you change your email address or decide to get one, let me know. If you don't have email, use the postcard in the Winter *SBC Alumnae Magazine* to send news, write me a letter, or go to the Sweet Briar Alumnae Banner-Self Service site. It is always good to hear from you!

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Laura Haskell Phinizy's twin grandchildren, Sarah Frances and Spencer Guion Jones were born Oct. 23, each weighing 6 lbs. Daughter Laura will bring them to Augusta at Easter time. Laura says Sarah "has an attitude" and Spencer's whole face smiles. The twins join cousins Wesley (2) and Stewart Gash (4). **Sherry Bradford Christhill** is an art consultant; she and her husband collect contemporary art. All 4 children are married; she has 8 grandchildren. She's on the steering committee with SBC alum Sara Lycett of an art group in Baltimore that offers weekly lectures and seminars. She lunches with classmate **Leslie Smith. Bunny Sutton Healy** is still a country mouse/city mouse. She spends part week in Boston working at the Park School, weekends in western MA. She's happiest cooking, playing the piano, gardening, traveling, playing golf, walking, or fiddling with photography. Husband Jay owns and runs a lumber mill and is an environmental consultant. Daughter Elizabeth in CO is a vet tech; Eben is outside Philly pursuing a job in the world of baseball as a stats man. **Carol Ann Reifsnnyder Rhoads'** 5th grandson was born in Apr. Daughter Jennifer (3 sons) lives in Winston Salem; son Richard lives in Tucson with 2 grandsons he adopted from Zambia. Youngest son Ben (only one not in medicine) in AR is a city planner in Siloam Springs. Her health is holding after breast cancer in '01. Carol retired in '03, is learning duplicate bridge. She and husband celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Florence and Tuscany. Next she'll go to Peru with an Audubon birding group to the jungle and Incan ruins. They're excited that her husband got his first patent for a biotech process he developed.

Sally Rasco Thomas still works at the American Heart Assoc. as a Planned Giving Dir. Her territory includes San Diego and Orange Counties and Palm Springs. She had a fabulous trip to Egypt and Jordan in fall (having wanted to go there ever since Miss Barton's History of Art course sophomore year). Otherwise, she focuses on her sons and 3 grandchildren living nearby. **Eugenia Dickey Caldwell** writes that godchild Lee Phillips, daughter of **Cora Lee Logan Phillips**, has a condo near Golden Gate Park; Peter and Eugenia hope to visit soon. Sister Paula Dickey '69, with everyone else in New Orleans, is still having difficult times 19 months after Katrina, with few basic services and balky insurance. They need our support.

Alice Mighell Foster Ficken and new husband (of 4 years) thoroughly enjoy her 5 grandchildren (2-6). Her son, wife, and 3 little girls live in Winston-Salem. Daughter, husband, and their son and daughter live in Charlotte; they see them often. Alice and her husband are going to Greece and Turkey in May. Someone introduced **Sally McCrady Hubbard** saying, "She sings and hikes and writes for the Messenger," and that about sums it up. The Sewanee Chorale will sing the Haydn Nelson Mass and Te Deum this spring. She's trying to learn how to use a digital camera for the newspaper and for her next Danube trip with husband Charles, starting in Budapest and ending in Prague. A niece's wedding will gather the clan in Charleston in Jun., and then grandson Duncan (7) will visit in Sewanee, yea. **Mel Freese Cota** and Alberto have been in Queretaro 5 years now! Mel is a certified yoga instructor. Older son Alberto, who works in Manhattan, and wife Adriana came from CT to Mexico to baptize new baby Alexandra, born in Oct. They also have daughter Katie (3). Younger son Guillermo is back in Sao Paolo, packing to return to Mexico. He too has become a yogi and is back at the piano. Daughter Vicky has 3 little ones; Francisco (5), Maria Fernanda (3) and baby Santiago (1). She and husband live in Mexico City and visit often.

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Betsy Kurtz Argo and Jim enjoy being grandparents of Ellie in Ashville, NC and Jake in San Francisco. Both Betsy and **Toni Naren Gates** have grandsons named Jake. In 2 years Betsy will have completed 25 years at Columbus School for Girls and will retire to the cottage on Torch Lake, MI. **Melissa Sanders Thomas** and Boyce will miss Reunion because they're going on a cruise around Italy and Greece with friends from GA. Boyce is featured in *Around the Water Tank* by Jimmy Haigler, a memoir about growing up in Cartersville, GA. **Carole Munn** will be at a convention in Poland during Reunion. She's still a flight attendant, and in addition to a

lot of short quick trips, has traveled to Vietnam (2 wks), India (4 wks) and plans to go to Antarctica in 1/08. **Gene King Leyden** is busy with her 22nd annual dance recital, 200 kids (2 ½ to 13) in costumes and organized! She's good friends with the dance teachers at SBC, the Magruder's. **Dolly Caballero Garcia** will miss Reunion to visit Peru with her grandson. **Baird Shinberger Bell** is traveling to China and will miss Reunion. **Linda Grizzard Tiffany** writes, "To my disappointment, I won't be able to join you and our '67 classmates for our 40th reunion in May. Please give my regards and hello's to everyone there; I wish them well in the fondest way.

Anne Stuart Brown Swann sent in a photo of the 2 of us "as we are now." Not only is Anne Stuart my college roommate, but she's also "family," as I married her first cousin! May brings out the splendor of SBC campus, although there's not a time of year when it isn't picturesque. I'll enjoy thinking of all of you living it up, renewing friendships, and making new memories. Have fun!" Although **Sara H. Brydges** was only with us for freshman year, she remembers living at Boxwood Inn and Miss Barton's art history classes that "set us all on a life course of enjoyment and interest." Sara retired as Administrator of Earth Resources Laboratory at MIT. **Lindsey Smith Newsom** will miss Reunion traveling to France with the NC Museum of Art. Lindsey reports that **Judy Jolly** served as Ed. Minister at her church, but moved back to Birmingham. **Ginny Stanley Douglas** says moving back into their house was a major undertaking. New granddaughter, Genevieve Hammond Beach, was born 12/29/06; they're trying to arrange her Christening on 5/13/07, coming to SBC is off the agenda. **Mary "Beth" Dixon Baldwin** and Sandy are Board Co-Chairs of Hospital Hospitality House of Winston-Salem. HHH is a collaborative effort between both of the large medical centers and the community. The project is in the planning stages, but the Board will hire an executive dir. and a consultant and is moving into phase 2 of the project. The Hospital Hospitality House provides affordable lodging in a caring environment for referred adult patients and/or their caregiver(s) who travel to Winston-Salem for medical treatment. Their city has an excellent Ronald McDonald House, and soon hopes to offer the same compassionate support to adult patients and families.

Kim Waters Keriakos visited with Elizabeth Sprague and even shared a "Sprague cone of ice cream" with her just before her death. Kim writes that she was as remarkable as ever. "I could imagine myself walking through Sweet Briar's spring woods looking for skunk cabbage and blue bells." **Pam Ford Kelley** and Brandon visited **Mary Cary**

Ambler recovering from a serious auto accident that left her in a coma. Although she's very weak, Pam reports that "she's definitely Mary Cary." Best wishes to Mary Cary for her continued recovery. Please keep the news coming!

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Thanks to those who sent Christmas cards, letters, and e-mails. Please take time to send me *your* news. It's wonderful to keep up! E-mail is easiest! Make my days! The happiest news is that **Martha Bennett Pritchett** is now **Martha Bennett Conner**. Martha married C.V. on 12/27/06, and plans to live happily ever after. Martha says, "C.V. is truly a gift to my life, a wonderful person and very kind to my children and me." They had a great trip out west to Scottsdale and several trips to see children and attend friends' weddings. They improved the "lake house" during summer, and took their honeymoon to Puerto Rico. Martha's 4 children are doing well in careers and college. **Ann Biggs Jackson** e-mailed: "Daughter Cary and husband Chris moved to MD last summer and are very near to me. Their son Dillon Edmond Cosper was born on 10/15/06 which made me a grandmother. (**Anne Kinsey Dinan** and I frequently email pictures of our grandchildren to each other.) My daughter Win continues to teach English at Oldfields School and spent the summer in WY as a wrangler on a dude ranch. I stay busy with my commitment to Ladew Topiary Gardens as VP of the Board of Trustees. My gardens and house in MD keep me busy, (we added a wing this year). I have a house in FL, but don't get there enough. We follow the steeplechase game closely, had some wins last year and hope for more. And then there is my husband's thoroughbred breeding program: yearlings head to the big sales and we had the grand champion at the MD yearling show for the 2nd year in a row! We'll be in Saratoga Springs for races this summer. Tennis elbow keeps me off the courts right now, so I took up the treadmill and painting. Mostly decorative tiles (the new room and Win's house). I hope to attack some canvas soon and release the creative genius inside! Why didn't I discover this passion before the eyes went?" **Lesley Bissell Hoopes** and Toby began '06 with a "festive family reunion in Bermuda celebrating her mother's 85th birthday. We found it delightful." Toby "spent much less time on the water this year, but

competed in the Newport Bucket and the Newport-Bermuda Race." Lesley joined him (by plane). They had a 10 day trip in Scotland with The American Museum in Britain "taking in the sights of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and being entertained in private houses and castles in the Highlands." **Katey Buster** writes, "I still work as a snowshoe and hiking guide in Aspen, CO in spring and summer. I can't believe that my 'Rocky Mountain High' has continued since 1978! Turning 60 was a milestone, especially since I've been here 30 years, still hiking high mountain trails. I had neuromas removed from both feet last Apr.; surgery was successful. 5 other female friends and I trekked the famous Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru a few years ago; it was thrilling to arrive at such a famous place after 3 days and nights on the trail. I know that some of our classmates must have made this trek in the past. I'm in the phone book if anyone comes to visit, maybe we can take a hike together! As for **Lynne Gardner Detmer**, all is well and happy. Jim and I are busy with full lives split between Williamsburg, VA, and Keene, NY. I still love making jewelry, but also love farm work in the summer. Being outdoors and active suits me. I guess I shall just have to be a split personality as long as I'm able! Please reserve time for our '08 Reunion coming soon. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that reunions are totally rewarding. Reconnections gratify as we find out what we've experienced: joy, sorrow, and all the growing since graduation so long ago! Please come!

Elaine Jenks Emerson is an Information Specialist for the Dept. of Defense, Germany. She got her MS in Library/Information Science from Catholic U. and has pursued her career mostly overseas. She writes, "I'm lost in Heidelberg; my heart is in Turkey. This is never, never land, so we never grow older, but we're indeed lost." **Frances Kirven Morse** and John write, "We made it through another year! We're celebrating our 5th holiday season in CA. We must officially be Californians now because we both wear prescription sunglasses." Frances is now "officially retired" and John is finishing his 2nd year at Google. They spend "lots of time with granddaughter Ella, and say that they 'relish the moments when she's very, very good, and breathe deeply when she is testy!'" Frances and John spent a week in Yosemite National Park "hiking and figuring out how to avoid the other million tourists there." When not involved with WMPG (world's most perfect granddaughter) Ella, Frances stays involved with the Friends of Edgewood Park, leading wildflower walks, working on the wildflower photo database, and helping to establish a schools outreach program. She also works with Peninsula PFLAG's Safe Schools program. Frances

continues, "Middle age finally caught up with me this fall when I had to undergo an arthroscopic 'repair job' for a torn meniscus in my right knee. Not fun! Healing and returning to normal slower than I wish, but my yoga and stretching classes have really helped me cope and heal. I'm coordinating the design effort for an 'extreme makeover' of our kitchen, family room, and dining room. John enjoys Google, where he "may be the oldest Software Engineer." They also enjoyed a Christmas trip to the Boston area, seeing family and friends. That's all, folks....

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Hi SBC pals! I'm truly sorry I missed the opportunity to see you last summer. After finding a few of you and convincing YOU to attend reunion, I found myself flat on my back with a herniated disk immediately prior to the big date. What a disappointment!! Hope you all had fun and that I can see you at the next one or at an Alumnae Council. I still live and work in Miami and wait anxiously to move back to my condo. My rental building, the Harbour House, is being converted to condos, and we all had to exit for a year (more like a year and half now, with all the delays in construction) so that they could take the building down to its cinderblocks and rebuild it. It's in a great location, right on the beach in Bal Harbour. I liked living there when it

was old; I'm going to LOVE living there when it's brand new, very exciting! Hope you will look me up, come to see my new place. Also, I started a mortgage company, Bal Harbour Lending, so I can help you become my neighbor if you're so inclined. Check my website out: <http://www.balharbourlending.com>. May the good Lord bless you and yours. Lots of love from me and my adorable golden doodle puppy, Beau. (Hah! it's about time I got a Beau, isn't it?) All the best from sunny FL.

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As usual, SBC can throw a party! **Diane Dale Reiling** and I (**Susan Dern Plank**) attended Homecoming in Sept. The campus was beautiful, lovely weather. We attended the gala on Sat. night celebrating the recent fundraising that gathered more than \$110 million (yes, you read that correctly!) for the college. An ambitious goal for a college our size was not only met, but surpassed. Heartfelt thanks to all who made this possible. I encourage you to attend next year, especially those of you who find May too busy to attend Reunion. And you don't have to wait 5 years to see classmates. An added bonus, you can visit with friends from other classes too. The celebration began Thurs. evening with cocktails at the SBC Museum, followed by dinner at the Wailes Conference Center. We were chatting long after most had left, can't let wine go to waste! Up early Fri. morning for a meeting of the Alumnae Council, we learned that enrollment is increasing steadily from throughout the country, including a large contingent from WA, thanks to Diane's continued efforts. The largest first year class in about 20 years is enrolled. SBC obviously meets their criteria as it adapts to a changing world, yet continues to maintain core values that made it our choice "just yesterday." The speaker at Convocation was Sallie Bingham, author and philanthropist, whose address titled

"Women, Money and Power" was most appropriate for the weekend's celebration honoring the generosity of generations of SBC women to their alma mater. Afterward students, faculty, and alumnae walked to Monument Hill accompanied by the bagpiper, although I was surprised at the number of alumnae who sheepishly confessed they had never made the trek. The spectacular view of campus with colored leaves of surrounding trees framing the view is well worth it. The ceremony there in remembrance of Daisy is a touching remembrance of the family whose benevolence made our education possible. Despite a rain shower, dinner that evening was held nearby the new Studio Arts building, former dairy barn. The college is to be commended for adaptive re-use of older buildings throughout the campus, this is one of the latest. Later, there was a performance of Stravinsky's "A Soldier's Tale" at Babcock Auditorium. On Sat., the Book Shop was a magnet for alums before they headed to SB Lake for a boxed lunch, followed by the annual Cardboard Box Regatta. Everyone had fun wearing their Sweet Briar sun visors and waving pennants to cheer on their favorite team from the college's engineering class. Professor Barbara Perry, on sabbatical from Sweet Briar at *Washington U.*, gave an interesting talk comparing and contrasting the lives of Dolly Madison, Jacqueline Kennedy (about whom she has written a biography) and Hillary Clinton. We then scurried back to change for the gala held outside under an enormous series of tents. Scrumptious foods, liberal libations, a lively band, and lovely ladies and escorts were a festive combination. Kudos to Alumnae and Development Offices for a wonderful celebration honoring innumerable donors, large and small. Many thanks!

Joan May Harden is the proud grandmother of Jack, who was 6 weeks old when she came to Homecoming. Dr. Elizabeth Sprague, whom many of us had as a biology professor, celebrated her 95th birthday on Sat., Sept. 23. I visited her a few days prior, we were able to get outside and enjoy sunshine and warm air. For someone whose life was so inextricably involved with nature and the environment, it's difficult to be confined indoors. **Betsie Meric Gambel** has returned to New Orleans after several months in TX to learn some good news. She will become the grandmother of 2 in the spring '07, Gregory and wife expect twins. Younger son Meric works in Greenville, SC. Our own **Diane Dale Reiling** was elected to both the Alumnae Board and the Board of Directors at SBC in recognition of the hard work she has done on behalf of the college in Seattle. Congratulations and best wishes to her! Her daughter Erica now attends Seattle Pacific U. and her son is a senior at

Rensselaer, Troy, NY. She saw him early Oct. when she met her mother in Albany for a week-long trip along the Hudson River. Unfortunately, her mother fell going to the Chicago airport and was forced to sightsee from a wheelchair. Diane was looking forward to her first meeting of the Board in Nov., so has done quite a bit of cross country commuting this year. Chuck keeps the home fires burning while she's away, to include their real estate business. **Ginger Woodard Gast** went to London, seeing "Mary Poppins" and a tennis match at Wimbledon. The end of Jul. found her in Toronto; it must have been difficult to go back to teaching first grade. This year's class is a challenge, many children don't speak English. Middle daughter Annelise suffered an injury which may require surgery, ballet career is on hold. Younger daughter Katie is a sophomore in h. s.—*Admissions, take note!* She and Paul are considering relocating to Charlotte, NC. **Laurie Norris Coccio** is the principal of local elem. school. She looks forward to retiring in a year or 2 so she can travel with husband Chris on some of his interesting trips, especially to New Zealand. They enjoyed Martha's Vineyard and the RI shore over this past summer. Elder daughter Stephanie plans to finish her doctoral dissertation in Russian history, summer '07. Her younger daughter attends a community coll. not far from them. They're able to see her often.

Life has been interesting for us. My daughter is a senior at Dickinson Coll. Her off-campus housing arrangement didn't work out so we scrambled to find her a new place to live in mid-Sept. I took a leave of absence as a naturalist instructor at the environmental education center this fall because my husband broke his ankle. I was his chauffeur for a few months, an adjustment for both of us. I have continued to be involved on environmentally and educationally oriented boards. I'm more than busy. A friend from my days at St. Andrews U. visited in May. We visited her cousin near Toronto and several Carmelite monasteries in western NY, as well as sights in the Capital District. This summer we lost our 16-year-old cat to cancer. "Buttercup" had accompanied us on our travels over the years and provided faithful, constant companionship; she will be missed.

I must report the sad news of the death of classmate **Lillian Battle Dugger London**, 10/06. She is survived by husband of 21 years, Steven. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from V. P. I. and was an artist specializing in scenes from nature, inspired by her home in Savannah and on Tybee Island. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Savannah. Know that your news is always welcome and can be submitted directly to the Alumnae Office online, so don't wait

to share news (the good, the bad and the mundane) with us. We hope to hear from you soon! We're looking forward to having you join us at Homecoming, Sept. 20-23, 2007. Mark your planners now for our 35th Reunion to be held May 16-18th, 2008! No excuses for not attending as we've given you advance notice. We can't wait to see you again!

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Beth Purdy Thorsey reports: oldest daughter Britt was accepted early decision to UVA; we're proud of her as she received amazing grades while taking 9 AP's on top of extra curriculars, community service/volunteering activities etc. while commuting regularly abroad for modeling jobs in Paris and London. We should be proud of our kids today as the entire h. s./coll. admission process is grueling. I never would have cut it! ...can't believe I have a kid as old as we were when we met! Found out that Deborah H. lives 10 min. away. I have yet to see her cute face! **Amy Andrews Monahan**, husband Sean, and son Morgan are in NYC. I volunteer there during the week, spend weekends on Sampsonville Mt. in Upstate NY. I have a healthy family and great friends.

Phyllis Watt Jordan is the MD editor, *Washington Post*, where she has worked for 7 years. She lives in DC with husband, Miranda (9), and Jake (8). This year they took a Disney cruise in Jan. **Diane Delidera** moved back to Lynchburg. My daughter and nephew (Marlene Weber Delledera '81, son Teddy) attended the Summer School camp, awesome experience! My daughters, Autumn (10) and Ivy (5), went with me to Homecoming '06. We saw the cardboard boat races, the horse show, Daisy's grave, and danced at the magnificent evening gala. SBC always looks beautiful, and that weekend it was more beautiful than ever. I'm sad I'll miss the next 2 galas. We (my husband, 5 children) are moving to Paris for a year and then on to Finland for a year. If anyone in our class is thinking about attending Homecoming, I've one word of advice: GO! Please make my email address available to anyone coming to Paris. **Georgia Schley Richie** writes: Hey! I started a new job today, General Counsel for McChesney Investment Advisors. Very exciting opportunity. Have had wonderful times with **Beth Fletcher Lubin** this past year. She's Godmother to my youngest, Tallulah. **Catherine Flaherty** writes: life is busy. I have a great new job, promoting Radio usage by Advertisers and Marketers through our new PPM service. I spend a lot of time in my NY office, which allows me to socialize with friends in the evening. Next week I'll have dinner with **Michelle Baruch Jeffries** and **Francie Root** on Mon., and then Tues. with **Lisa Snieder Thornton** and **Jeaninne Davis Harris**. Our family visited DC over Thanksgiving and spent the week at **Debra Hill Maes's** house, lovely. **Barbara Wesley Bagbey** and **Fannie Zolicofer**

Mallonee spent the night and visited with us there. Husband Jim lives, works, commutes to CO Springs, we've had 4 big CO trips this year. (mostly white water rafting, summer, winter skiing), another is planned for Spring Break. I think of that great SBC trip when we visited Vail, although we mostly skied Copper. I drove out over X-mas break and visited **Amy Campbell Lamphere** in Lincoln, NE on our way home.

Tinsley Place Lockhart writes: it's Sat. a.m. in Edinburgh & I'm a bit bleary, have started a job in mid-Jan. as solicitor in Commercial Real Estate. That's Scottish for a property lawyer. It's been a long slog, 4 years back to coll. for a law degree, one-year for a post grad. legal diploma which taught how to do practical things like write a will [which I won't use now!], followed by 2-year traineeship in a law practice. So now in year 8, I finally begin to do the do, and feel SO BABY. I'm still learning so much each day that I'm not a live-wire when I get home, and am having to go into the office today b/c we've got a deal finishing on Mon. & I have to do 24 dispositions etc. Won't think about it, but will grab a shower to wake me up in a few min! I went to a ceremony in mid-Feb., became a British Citizen and am now a dual national, but as Britain is part of the EU, with freedom of movement, it means I can now live in France :) I've been 22 years here, it seemed a good idea. As a citizen, I come and go, as a permanent resident I could've lost my right to return if gone too long. Daughter Esmeralda (18) is in her first year studying Maths & Stats at Leeds U. She might go into some form of financial services and trains with the rowing club. We go to Bermuda in 10 days (thus me going into the office today, guilt for getting off at the end of the financial year) with my mother, who is flying out to meet us from Nevada. I met Mother in Charlottesville last Nov., where I stayed for a night with **Martha Freuhof Ryan**. She's just moved into a fabulous penthouse apartment on Court Square with her 4 busy children. My son Beauregard (21) is in his 3rd year studying Business & German at Trinity Coll., Dublin. He's spending this year at the U. of Regensburg in Bavaria, about an hour north of Munich, in a lovely little town on the Danube, a nice holiday spot. He did an internship at the Republican National Committee in DC last summer, and is currently on 2-month work experience with Allianz Bank in Munich, followed by another 2 months with Sotheby's in Munich this summer. Star! My partner of 10 years, John, got a great job as Web Information Architect for the IT/IP division of the Law faculty of the U. of Edinburgh. He will combine with his contract for the same at a trade body, the Assoc. of Project Safety. So, that's probably a longer run-down

than you needed [the hell of editing!] but it's served to wake me up a little. I hope you're really well & look forward to reading your notes. You may contact us at: Tinsley & John Lockhart, 8A St Bernards Crescent, Edinburgh EH4 1NP; Tel 0131 332 6740.

Ginny Farris Hofmann writes, "I'm getting ready to go to Bay St Louis, MS to work on a house with a group of folks. What an adventure! Still doing land records research, but am getting tired of it. Flexibility is the thing that makes it desirable. Alsie is finishing 2nd yr at UMW (Mary Wash). Mary is waiting to hear from schools. She's in at Mary Wash and UNC-Gobo already. Graham plays tennis, a sophomore in h. s. Driving is the big thing for him now. Alan and I are fine, but old! We SBC gals need to rendezvous this summer to celebrate being 50! Let's meet in Annapolis.

Mitch Baruch Jeffery writes, "All's well in the Jeffery household. Jim's Asset Management firm is thriving. He and Jane went skiing in VT this winter. Now we want warm weather! Jane loves 6th grade at Chapin. She enjoys rocketry class and fencing, still taking art at the National Academy School. She's busy, but happy. Charlie is a junior at Roger Williams U. and anticipating life after college. We're proud parents. I spend a lot of time on the auxiliary at Lenox Hill Hospital where Jim and I serve on the Advisory Board. And Henry, our labradoodle, is one spoiled dog. Life is as it should be. Jean Goulder Brown '76 sounded like much fun and a chance to share how we have grown/ changed and become more accepting of people and their differences. I've had the wonderful opportunity to return to school and become an audiologist. I love working with people (undergrad psychology and music history double major—chose not to pursue either.) Audiology is a good fit; there's a need for people skills and critical thinking for diagnosis. In my field, anyone entering will obtain a doctorate rather than a masters. Many of us went back and completed the doctoral program; now I'm Dr. Jean Brown (still get a kick out of that). Home life includes husband Tom, 2 "children:" Pedro (a pug) and Symba (a black lab/rotweiler combination). They meet many of my maternal needs. We live in the Warwick/ East Greenwich area. I'd love to be a part of a get together with anyone interested. My home number is 401-885-4463.

Mimi Walch Doe writes: daughter Whitney is a happy freshman at Vanderbilt. She's a Theta, and I was no help to her at all during rush. All I rushed for in college was the pecan pie at dinner. I enjoyed seeing **Claire Dennison Griffith** during Parent's Weekend at Vanderbilt as her son, a sophomore there. Younger daughter Elizabeth is a junior at Deerfield Academy

and heading to Charlottesville with her team for preseason practice. I'm busy working on projects related to my books and hope to see SBC alumnae as I speak to parents around the country. www.SpiritualParenting.com

Pam Koehler Elmets writes: we're busy looking at colleges with the twins. CA is great, bought an apartment in San Francisco this year and plan to visit the NC beach this summer with family. **Tish Longest Tyler** writes: she and **Carolyn Birbick Thomas** will travel to Paris, Sept. '07. I'm renting a studio apt for 10 days (wish it were more) on the left bank and Carolyn is staying at a swanky hotel for 5 days on the right bank. We both look forward to the trip and plan to take the train to Versailles one day as well as shopping! I can't wait to show Carolyn all my favorite places to visit in Paris. In addition to my 1 ½ year old Sheltie, Holly, my husband and I are the proud parents of 6-month-old Keeshond Jack. They're a handful, but fun to have around. I'm still at VA's Office of the Attorney General and loving it!

Kim Wood Fuller writes: it's been a busy year for me and my husband, but our hard work has finally paid off. We started a new skin care company, Therametics. It's doing really well. Anyone interested can visit the website at www.therametics.com to read all about the company and products. In Oct., I went to Paris with **Janel Hughes Wiles** to visit **Sally Gray Lovejoy**. The 3 of us trained down to Aix and visited with **Jill Steenhuis Raffato** for a few days. Jill is a fabulous tour guide; we caught up on each others' lives and saw sights together.

News from **Myth Monnich Bayoud** We've heard from **Ann Connolly** who is remarried and in MA! And we LOVE the annual St Patrick's Day card from **Catherine Flaherty** and her brood! We're busy with 2nd grader Charlie's school, chairing 5K Trek for Tech Fundraiser in fall, and the school Auction. We spent a lovely week in Lyford Cay, Bahamas at our nephew's wedding in Jan. 07. Charlie was an usher and by far the cutest! **Toni Santangelo Archibald** and I work 3 days a week at my h. s. alma mater, School of the Holy Child, Rye, NY as the Dir. of Alumnae Relations and Special Events. Work is different each day. I love working in a school environment. Chip is retired after selling his seat on the NYSE, really enjoys life, lots of golf, skiing and travel. Our children, Johnny (20), Franny (18), and Sara (15), are well. We had a trip to AK with the Santangelo clan (16 of us!) last Aug. A magnificent place! Love and good wishes to fellow classmates.

Susan Posey Ludeman writes: we're fine here. Missy and I went to Jane Hubbard Sam's ('79) 50th birthday in northern VA. Saw chic grones, had a lun

time. Everyone is healthy and well. Danny, Jr. (22), Allie (20), David (16), Caroline (13).

Fannie Zollicoffer Mallonee writes: We finally finished our kitchen renovation, which took longer than we hoped. We began the project in Jun.; I was still cooking on the grill in Dec. It's wonderful now that it's done. Stepdaughter Payton is a junior at Collegiate, began her college search. Sorry to say she's not interested in an all-women campus, SBC is out. But on our trip we visited Wofford Coll. in Spartanburg, and I called up **Garrow Hudson Crowley**. She's still Garrow after all these years, driest of wits and very funny. Chris is now a fine artist. I saw one painting, a huge green pear that hangs in the hallway, quite impressive. Their 3 children are thriving. Oldest Elsa is in London. We also looked at UNC-W, in Wilmington, and there I called **Gerlind Younts-Peretz**. We met for dinner, had a great time. Her daughter Natalia (6) is precocious. I think SHE'S ready to go to college. Maybe by the time she's 16 women's colleges will appeal to young women again.

Jeannine Davis Harris writes that she's busy with kids' (15, 13, 9) schedules, works p/t at an Antique store, Canterbury Antiques. Pres. of SBC NJ Alumnae Club had an event in the city (3/07) with Stephanie Stokes '64, top 100 interior designer. She shoots trap & sport clays, hikes, and plays tennis on the side. **Sandra Rappaccoli Padilla** writes: husband Max still works for ED&F. Man in the sugar area. Oldest son Max Carlos is in his 2nd year at VA Tech. Jorge will graduate from McCallie this May. Sandra, Violeta, and Felipe are in Nicaragua with us. I work in the morning in a family business, afternoons I'm home with the kids. In '06, **Francie Root** visited. We went to the beach, had a great time. If anyone is in the area, please come and visit.

Eithne Broderick Carlin writes: moved from Sandwich village to the village of West Barnstable in Jul. Not the greatest month to move: summer, teenagers and take me here, take me there! But we're finally settled. Kids are great; Candace (16) has her "permit" which is why I've remained a bottled blonde! I'm a mass of grey hair underneath! She plays field hockey, lacrosse, and enjoys her social life. John (15) is taller than mom (5'9"). He's a man's man, as long as he's flying straight between footballs, playing lacrosse, taking the boat to MV, and fishing, he's a happy camper. I'm seeing how quickly my "Irish twins" will be leaving me soon! Other than mid-life crisis, I'm holding my own. Big D, as dad calls him, keeps the fires going and the restaurant is growing yearly, maybe a DJ's South! Tim and Sean are ready to make it happen! I may find myself back in the heart of Dixie and out of my New England experience! Come

visit if you make it to Cape Cod. All my love and best to everyone!

Liz Swearingen-Edens had a delightful time celebrating life with parents, brothers, husband and kids while drifting by barge up the River Thames this summer. After a visit in Canada they followed each other south for Thanksgiving and Christmas then to DC in spring. Liz says they're still not sick of each other but it's time to get back to work. If anyone needs design or illustration, please call! Soon launching a specialty stationery line called LizNotes.com.

Lisa Schneider Thornton writes: Tim is graduating from h. s. Brian is an h. s. freshman. Kevin works for Charter Communications and travels domestically. I'm busy at home managing them all. Loved seeing **Jeannine Harris** and **Catherine Flaherty** in NYC. I look forward to mini reunions. **Lillian "Muffit" Sinks Sweeney** still lives in Pittsburgh, and is a Hospice Nurse. Son Taylor (8th grade) is taller than me! Husband John is still in the printing world pushing new technology. That's all folks.

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Greetings from Annapolis! I heard from classmates near and far. **Margie Robinson Talmadge** gets the distance award. She writes from Brussels, Belgium "We live in Brussels, Belgium in the suburb town of Waterloo. We really enjoy Brussels. The back of our house overlooks the inn (museum) which was the Duke of Wellington's headquarters during the battle of Waterloo. It's great to be immersed in history; we love the opportunity to travel. We spent Christmas in Barcelona and a weekend in Amsterdam (we try to travel while school's out). My SBC French has served me well; I'm grateful for it."

Betsey Simpson Hilberts, husband Tom, and daughters Eliza (17), Greta (13), and Allie (9) live outside of Philadelphia, PA. Betsey teaches 5th grade and is beginning to work on a masters in education and guidance counseling. She feels fortunate her family is healthy. Betsey writes, "We're beginning the college search! I realize as I look at colleges for our daughter how much I loved my time and the people I knew at SBC."

Helen "Sam" Masters Durham lives in Rochester, MN "Don't TELL me about snow! I have feet of it in my yard! How did a southern girl end up HERE?" Helen works at the Mayo Civic Center

as Ticket Operations/Customer Services Manager. Husband Buck is a Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon at the Mayo Clinic. Oldest son Arch (24) lives and works in NYC. Daughter Ann Husted (19) goes to school in MI and dances; youngest son Rob (16) is a junior in h. s.

Sigrid Carlen Veasey and husband Doug live in Philadelphia with 3 sons, Carlen (12), Campbell (12), and Wylie (10). Sigrid is a tenured professor of medicine at the U. of PA where she teaches, does research, and practices Sleep Medicine. The whole family plays squash. Best SBC event of the year was getting a card with photos from **Kaki Bennett Johnson** and seeing that lovely big smile!

In Jan., **Liz Seacord** and husband Adam hosted their 20th Annual Scottish dinner party. **Stephanie Stitt Fitzpatrick** and Dirk were much-welcomed guests. Liz writes "Hard as I did try, they wouldn't daign to eat the Haggis." Liz also writes "I'm working at Adam's company (in the Times Square area) with accounts receivable. He has a couple of factories in China, which produce specialty inorganic chemicals, makes frequent trips there. A long way from the art world where I started, but when you have those NYC private school tuitions to pay..." Liz enjoyed seeing **Lelee Frank Hazard** and **Genia Zenke** at our 25th reunion, but wondered "WHERE THE HECK WERE YOU, SIEDLARZ?"

Lelee Frank Hazard and John in Alexandria, VA celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last Dec. Lelee enjoyed the 25th Reunion and hearing Chairman of the Board, Kids Martha (14) and Mitchell (12) heard the COB at their summer camp and liked them too. Lelee works for brother Randolph Frank, a psychiatrist. Oldest son Jack will graduate from Commonwealth Academy, but hasn't made a college decision. Daughter Martha attends Oldfields School in Glencoe, MD, enjoys riding. The school reminds Lelee of SBC.

Susan Graham Campbell lives in the Fittler's Square area of Philadelphia, works for PNC in Real Estate Finance. Susan and family were heading to St. Bart's for a week, but dropped a line before she left. "Daughter Sarah (21) is a full-time college student at MMC in Manhattan and studies journalism. We went to Uruguay on a Horseback riding trip in Oct. Just got a new horse: 15.2 hands, 7-year-old chestnut gelding named Noble, very cute, good mover, very willing."

Dawne Cotton Warde and husband Jim live with 2 daughters in Marin County, CA, north of the Golden Gate Bridge. She writes "We adopted 2 gorgeous little girls from the Hunan, Province of China. We've had Elizabeth (5) for 4 years already. We traveled again to China last year for her

adopted sister, Caroline (2). Jim is Senior VP of Lucasfilm, Ltd. and President of LucasArts, their video gaming company. We spend weekends at our beach vacation home, purchased last summer. Elizabeth attends the Chinese American International School, the oldest mandarin immersion school in the country. I'm spending my free-time raising Corporate Sponsorship funds for the school's scholarship program."

Mary Kate Ferguson lives in Baltimore, MD and owns Beeswax Bookkeeping service, which is blossoming slowly. "I'm still buying and selling antiques out of the shop, online, at auctions, for private clients. That's the most fun. However, I'm finding that my most precious moments are spent with old friends from school."

Allison Roberts Greene is busy traveling. She writes: "Carson and I had fun in Jan. We headed to L.A. where we had a meet-and-greet with Jay Leno on the Tonight Show. 'Ross the Intern' was doing the Golden Globe awards, he's such a stitch. My husband laughed the loudest in the audience. Next day, we had a private tour of Jay Leno's garage. What a collection! We enjoyed seeing the BEARS win the 2 playoff games in Jan. Carson and I headed south for the SUPERBOWL." The Greene family is gearing up for spring break and looking forward to a trip to Maui, HI. In Apr., Allison and Carson fly to Florence, SC for **Jane Terry's** wedding to Bill Feley. Summer will be busy with trips to the cabin and camp activities."

Eve Devine writes from Baltimore, MD. "We love our get-togethers here in Balto., DC, VA area. We meet to eat and shop, generally in that order. Shopping is always a bargain process and we help each other by running in and out of the dressing room, usually for bigger sizes! I see **Brendy Reiter Hantzes**, **Mary Kate Ferguson**, **Claire McDonnell Purnell**, **Kearsley Rand Walsh** and **Tania Voss Ryan**. Even **Amy Marshall Lewis** came last time. I saw Tania when I needed some new "business casual" clothes for a business trip. It's always a great time. Good friendships last forever!"

Speaking of shopping, as I sat down to write these class notes the phone rang. Eve, Brendy and Mary Kate were clothes shopping at a nearby mall, I joined them. They're very creative and found tops for me outside my Nordstroms/Talbots box. There was also a very nice bride-to-be, shopping for her trousseau, who began asking for fashion advice from 3 of them. Such talent!

I was home in Pittsburgh and saw **Liz Winson Sweeney**. She's tan and still has beautiful blonde hair. She and Tom built a new home. She's still involved in volunteer activities.

As for the Purnells, we went to Disney World for the kids' spring break; it was so much fun. I love that place. We took

a wonderful trip on the AutoTrain and woke up after a good night sleep ready to take on the Magic Kingdom. Summer is coming; we're trying to figure out what to do. We'll probably rent a cabin in upstate NY.

Thank you to everyone who wrote with news. Have a wonderful summer! The next deadline is July 1. Keep those emails, cards, and letters coming.

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Here's to being 40 (or turning 40)! Our 20th reunion is only a couple of years away! Plan now so you won't miss the fun! **Twig Odell Tucker** writes from Orono, MN. She and husband, Jimmy (W&L '87) have 3 children, Jack (12), Will (10), and Katie (6). Kids keep her busy with hockey, golf, lacrosse, swimming, dancing, and other activities! Proof that this is a small world: Twig ran into **Tish Markey Hutter** at a camp their sons attended. Tish and family had just relocated to MN with Rob's (W&L '88) job. Now their sons attend the same school, play lacrosse together. **Sharon Bittner-Webb** is in the UK and works as an Assistant Faculty Librarian at the U. of Portsmouth. She joined the Ermine Street Guard, the oldest and best historical re-enactment group. They focus on late 1st Century Roman Britannia. Go to www.esg.ndirect.co.uk for information and photos. **Krista Biggs** posted a note on the message board saying she sold her house in Louisville, KY, found a new job, and relocated to Chapel Hill, NC. Don't forget to join the Class of '89 Group Page at <http://groups.msn.com/SBC89>. Last fall, I got reconnected with **JoAnn Bogolin** during Homecoming, and later visited her in Atlanta during a business trip. We saw the Louvre exhibit at the High Museum on opening day! I see **Kate Robinson Hillested** now and then, we have horses at the same farm. Daughters Katie Grace, and Isabelle, are both learning to ride and showing in lead line classes, winning ribbons! Nothing has changed in my life. Work is busy. I enjoy being part of Go Red for Women and participating in the annual Heart Walk to raise funds for the American Heart Assoc. I started selling, and occasionally buying, on eBay. This started as a way to clean out junk in the closets, but has become addictive! Send me a quick note now and again; I'll be sure to have material for the next Class Notes! Take care until next time!

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Susanne Petrie and new husband Bob finally built their house and 11-stall barn on their new 34 acre farm in Leesburg, VA; they're busy moving in. They love life on the river. Susanne left the government after 15 years of service, and now has a 10 min. commute to Northrop Grumman where she's an international business consultant. It's been a life-altering change of pace for the better! She keeps in touch with **Kathryn Hagist Yunk**, **Carey Bates**, and **Kimberley McGraw Euston**. She sees **Kathryn Cooper Hoffman** for her famous clothing shows! This winter was joyful and sad for **Emily Leming La Jeunesse**'s family. On 12/26/06, she gave birth to 2nd son Alec Christian La Jeunesse, a joyful Christmas surprise since she wasn't due until Jan. 6th. Her sad news was that her Father died suddenly in 2/07. They're happy that he was able to meet his newest grandson. She says father is having fun in heaven with **Arleigh** and is sure she welcomed him with open arms. Emily plans a family vacation with **Laura Rose Martin** within the next year. **Gwen Fisher Glew** has 2 sweet boys: Duncan (6) in kindergarten and Finn (3) in preschool. She and husband Rich will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this year. They bought a new house, moving to Seattle soon. She works at U. of WA and Children's Hospital in Seattle. She currently does a 2nd medical fellowship to become a pediatric developmental and behavioral specialist. Her research involves autism and cerebral palsy. Life's great. She's in touch with Edie Rue '89 and **Kathryn Johnson Glass**. Edie has 2 boys, and Kathryn has 5 children and is a full-time family physician! It has been a whirlwind the last year for **Cathi Tavi Goslau**! She was married 8/06 to Emile Anton Rainold IV from New Orleans. They expect their first child in early Oct. She volunteers for the 4-H in English riding and works as a sales associate for Wilderness Lodging in Summit County. They purchased a new log home in Sept. and are settling down. She keeps up with **Amy Bingaman**. **Brice McCrae**, Cheryl Bishop, Jill Randles and Holly Duello, Teresa Jones and Wendy Stevenson. **Karen Carlisle** works at Sara Lee (14th year) and survives Chicago winters. Her little boy (1) is a handful but a joy. She has been in touch with Sharon Bittner '89 who lives and works in England. Brad and **Margo Tenbroeck Calkin** enjoy life with 2-year-old son Lian. They're patiently waiting a referral to adopt their 2nd child from Lian's orphanage. Jiangsu, China. He's

a water bug and ironically he is from a coastal area. **Kristin Walberg Urbach** has been elected President of the Junior League of Washington, DC for the 2007-2008 term. Her predecessor, Betsy Hannah, and the current Parliamentarian for the league, Maria Estefania, are SBC Alumnae. She loves being a mom with 2 daughters Kelsey (6) and Kallie (4). She and husband enjoy introducing the kids to sports and other activities now that they're older. She's happy to see **D'Andra Simmons** when she visits DC. She looks forward to her 20th RHS reunion this Jun. Thanks to the web directory **Nandini Sett Ghosh Dastidar** has been in touch with professors and friends. She got in touch with **Amber Vellenga**. She's settled in Calcutta now with her husband of 1½ years. **Erin Katz, M.D.**, currently in private practice (Urology) in Clearwater, FL, enjoys the warm weather year round! She plans to visit Amsterdam & Ireland in summer and will visit sister Lisa Katz '90 living in Dublin. She will attend the Lipton tennis tournament in Miami, FL in Mar. with Kristina Glusac '92, still plays tennis for fun. **Cary Bates** keeps busy at work and says that family is well. She visited with **Amber Vallenga** in Dec., had a blast. She looks forward to lots of golf, her partner Allison may manage to beat her this year! **Megan Read Lindberg** still lives in northern CA with her husband and 3 children, Sutter (9), Tessa (8), and Logan (3). They share our home with many animals! Life is good; they feel blessed! She thinks back to wonderful memories at SBC. Anyone coming west should get in touch. They have plenty of room! **Brice McCrae Tunison** says all is well in south GA! She looks forward to spring. Laura is 10, Kate is 9, and Will is 7. Her girls ride horses with her, a dream come true! She started a home business with Arbonne. If anyone is interested call her! It's a great way to stay at home and raise your kiddies, plus wonderful products, you can't loose! It was great seeing everyone at the reunion. She sends congrats to Al on that sweet baby! **Locket LaGroue** loves that she still gets the Sweet Briar magazine and various mailings. It's fun to see what everyone's doing. She talks to **Liz Jennings** frequently. **Bonnie Dawson** invests in properties all over the USA, her favorite place is Wheeling, WV. She says it's like buying a work of art when you buy a property there. The homes are lovely old Victorians and the area is growing by leaps and bounds. Her children are grown; she has 2 granddaughters (6, 8), from oldest girl Heather. She also has a grandson from stepdaughter Laura and 3 granddaughters from her 2 step kids. Grandkids are so fun. She works at Topsail Island, NC and has rental homes there. She tries to slow down, but life is speeding up. She says God has been so

good to her and really wants to do more for Him. She supports 5 children through World Vision and reminds us to enjoy each moment of life. At the time of these notes, **Signee Hoffman Swartley** was 9 months pregnant; she and husband Curtis Swartley (1990 Franklin-Pierce Coll., J-term in Europe) were expecting their first little one. She decided to wait to find out the sex for old-fashioned sake. After all the work, she wanted some surprise at the end. **Ruth Ewers** has completed her Master of Science in Human Services, specializing in Social Work and Community Services. She continues work as a social worker for Region Ten Community Services Board in Charlottesville. She hopes to resume freelance writing in non-fiction. She and husband Robert Self, who is the Architectural Conservator at Monticello, completed the restoration of one of the dependencies on their property, Edgewood. The building was used as a dairy and is one of three 18th Century buildings near the main house in Nelson County, VA near SBC. Son Logan continues work as a chef and kitchen manager for a Charlottesville restaurant. Ruth walks the trails at SBC, keeps in touch with some classmates. She sends greetings to everyone!

Nicole Gauthier says things in Walnut Creek, CA are great. Chloe (2) keeps Nicole busy. If it isn't swimming class, music class, or soccer, it's French school. Claire Stapleton Batson '92 and Melinda Wick Aufmuth '92 visited her for a girl's weekend in Feb. They had a great time and had fun seeing the children play together (Melinda's girl 6 mo. younger than Chloe). She says there's nothing better or more comforting than hanging out with your best friends in the world. **Dawn Monahan Nelson** says her children, Libby (11) and Scotch (7), are well. They have 2 lab puppies they adore. Major home renovations are in the works. She misses SBC friends. **Lorraine Haire Greer** welcomed Alexander Lloyd Greer, 8/4/06. They moved into a new home in the neighborhood where she grew up. Tom's niece moved down from MA to be their full-time nanny. Baby Alex is adorable, she enjoys every moment. They do a lot of traveling with Alex for family and business reasons. They finally settled her mother and father's estate this month. She's the proud owner of her parent's business, started over 57 years ago. She has large shoes to fill, but the Coastal Company is a family; they're prepared for success. She's active in the SBC visiting riding committee where she attended last year's homecoming. It was a spectacular weekend; she enjoyed reconnecting with old friends. She hosted a SBC Tea for the Wilmington area club over the Sweet Briar Days holiday. They had a nice group, enjoyed hearing and chatting about all the new changes

on campus. She looks forward to the next reunion to reconnect with friends.

Christine Canterbury Flint is preparing for a trans-Atlantic move in summer '07. Husband Joe has taken a new position with Starbucks in Amsterdam. They look forward to family adventures in Europe! She would love visitors. **Allie Doucette** says life has been crazy since reunion. They settled in their home in San Diego, the pups love the weather. Alastair Tindall Casler was born 9/14/06. She's finally getting use to motherhood. Billy will be deployed in 11/07 for 6 months. Guests are welcome anytime. She'd love the company, especially since she's not working. **Laura Rose Martin** says not much going on in south AL. The tornado that hit Enterprise was about 20 mi. from where she lives, but they didn't even get rain that day until 7 p.m. She keeps busy with the Mom routine: drive to school, come home, drive back to school, drive to swim team, drive to karate, drive to Scouts (she's not a huge fan of driving!) She keeps in contact with **Emily Leming La Jeunesse**.

Amber Vellenga has an amazing company in Richmond, VA building patios, renovating outdoors spaces (including outdoor fireplaces that blow a chimney out of the water), and selecting plants to compliment the newly designed space. On 3/17, Jenni Vance and her husband Ron took a trip to the hospital at 2:30 a.m. on sleet covered roads to welcome the delivery of Brendan "Vance" Granieri, born at 5:25 a.m., 3/17/07, weighing 8 lbs, measuring 21 in. He was 2 days early and in a hurry to arrive! He's beautiful. They're adjusting to new roles. The dog and horse feel neglected, but understand. He finished his 6-month research sabbatical in Germany and returned home 3/2/07. Just in time! She sees Parker Shultis Pearson '90, keeps in touch with Kathleen Stewart Flippen '90 and **Heather Service Clayton**, but can't wait to see everyone at the 20th reunion with Vance in tow!

I (Mamie Farmer Farley) enjoyed writing these notes! Thanks to everyone who emailed me, how did anyone do this without email? I enjoyed catching up with so many classmates. The memories of last spring's reunion are still fresh; it was definitely a weekend to cherish. Husband Matthew and I stay busy with our 3 children, Miller (8), Harry (6) and Joanie (3) at various sport and school events. We're crazy-busy and loving it! He's a trusts and estates Lawyer here in Richmond, VA, where he grew up. Just a reminder that **Karen Hott** has graciously agreed to serve as class president and **Vickie Campo Byrd** and I share the duties of secretary. So if you have any news you would like to share in the next SBC alumnae magazine, email one of us. Happy 2007!

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Hello 1994! I hope everyone is happy and healthy.

Vinca Swanson hitched a ride to DC after Reunion '04 with **Rosemary Ratliff** and **Heather Roby**, where she met **Patti Geets** and her new husband (who she claims is red and tall.) She spent last year sanding, painting, and building fixtures for the store she owns in downtown Seattle, called Swerve. It sells music, movies, games; they plan to have live music and art installations. www.swerveseattle.com. She still coaches numerous sports, enjoys hiking and skiing, and planning world domination. **Liz Gilgan** works for the Archaeological Institute of America, runs public education outreach programs to spread the word of archaeology. She sees **Lia DeSimone Colbert** when she and her girls (Amaliah and Liah) visit her brother outside Boston. **Elizabeth Jenkins Bush** and husband Matthew welcomed 2nd son, Henry James Bush in 8/05. His big laugh reminds her of her mother. He joins big brother Clay. She loves Savannah and being close to sister Margaret '97. **Allison Vollmer Douglass** and husband William are in Pelham Manor, NY. Kate (5) started kindergarten and Abby (2) started preschool. She joined her father in their antiques and fine arts appraisal business. She makes her own hours, a welcome change from the world of publishing.

Laura Greene Silsbee and Mead welcomed baby boy Parker on 7/1/06. "We're great. I had a fling with **Ali Chance**, **Heather Stevens Wine** and **Patti Hathaway** before he was born. We're reliving college memories on Fripp Island, SC this summer, a great time." She also sees **Wendy Wall Nace** since they're both in Birmingham. **Caitlin Sundby Russell** will get a Masters in Nutrition at GA State, and plans to go into

private practice after graduation and an internship. She goes part-time so she can spend as much time with Eva Doxie as she can. She and Scott are amazed by her curiosity, can't wait to show her SBC. Her room isn't pink and green yet, but she squeezes in subtle "hints" wherever she can. She sees **Lucia Marks Kern**, **Karen Hott**, and **Stephanie Frost** for regular get-togethers in Atlanta.

After 5 years of togetherness, **Kathy May Ciofulo** and Mark tied the knot 5/28/06 outside Frederick, MD, his hometown. **Alex Stewart Manwarren** and **Imo Slade** were in the wedding party, other SBC alums attended. They honeymooned in Grand Cayman, where they had to seek shelter from Alberto, the first tropical storm of the season! The summer was rough; losing a pet and a dear friend. The latter had a hidden blessing; it put her back in touch with long-lost SBC friends. In 9/06, she visited **Alex Manwarren** and husband Adam in IN to meet newborn son Tyler. **Erin "Tashie" Currier Whipple** is in Yarmouth, ME. She enjoys life with her husband and 3 wonderful daughters, Quincy (5), Chloe (3), and Macy (1), and Jack Russell terrier. She's a research manager for a small market research firm in Portland. She hopes life will be less hectic so she can see everyone soon. (Tashie—plan for '09!) **Courtney O'Dea Plaisted** welcomed Abigail Elizabeth, 7/8/06. She joins twin brothers and the beagles! Her husband is now the in-house counsel for Food Lion in Salisbury, MD. They live outside Charlotte, in Concord. Courtney will continue to work part-time as a pediatric oncology nurse.

Amy Davis's first book is due to be published! An academic book, *Good Girls and Wicked Witches: Women in Disney's Feature Animation*, is based on research for her Ph.D. Now that it's finished, Amy is pleased to move on to new projects. She's in regular contact with **Cara Gunther Waterhouse**, and got to meet her adorable twin daughters. **Kim Bramley Estep** is taking over her father's business; she's alone at work most days, but the commercial mortgage industry is booming, keeps her busy. Morgan (6) is in kindergarten this year, and Ryleigh (5) is in Jr. Kindergarten. **Kelleigh Smith Sommer's** son Sam is in first grade. She went part-time when Sam started kindergarten, loves it. She's living in Bulverde and working in Boerne, TX. She stays in contact with **Caitlin Sundby Russell** and **Betsy Lanard** via email, but is one of the class members who would like to hear from **Mary Ellen Horner Haggard**. (Mary Ellen—please contact me, and I'll get you in touch with people who want to find you!)

Katie Blaik James finished her year as president of the Jr. League in OKC and closed her law practice. She went on a long road trip with John, Conner (7)

and Jack (4) to SD, then started a new job as the Dir. of Development at the OK School of Science and Mathematics, and moved to a new house. She's adjusted to her new career and taking a nap. I communicate with her often and appreciate her no-nonsense legal career advice. **Heather Roby** is in DC, working as a training manager at KPMG. She sees **Dorothy Bailey** and **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead** often. Renovations are finished on her new condo in Brookland, she's trying to figure out if the crime camera across the street is good or bad. **Dorothy Bailey** and Andy moved to Potomac, MD. He works at a small animal clinic in Germantown, and she started a job with the FDA, really enjoys it. They keep in touch with **Heather Roby**, **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead**, and **Jodi Szuszcwicz McGee**, living in the area. She visited **Christy Young McCain** in SC last Sept. She now has 2 baby boys under the age of 1! She's tired, looks great, and is well.

Tysa Calhoun Stroka works with a producer in Austin to complete her cd. The process is moving more slowly than she'd like. In the meantime, Ty has started work again. She works for Social Security as a disability specialist evaluating medical records and administers program guidelines to individuals applying for disability. It's challenging and fun, feels good to know she's helping someone in need. She works with Pat to lower greenhouse gas emissions by carpooling to work with her husband. It makes her "tree-hugging heart smile to know that." She encourages anyone visiting the Austin area to give her a call; she'd love to give a kayak tour of the pristine San Marcos River!

Katherine Schupp Zeringue works for FEMA in recovery efforts in New Orleans. She's the Archaeology Team Lead for the Historic Preservation Group. She claims the job is one of the best she's ever had, despite the fast pace, stress, and lack of personal time. New Orleans is in a state of destruction, there's still "a very long way to go." She claims that as "job security." She managed a few trips to the beach to kick back and relax, and on a trip to DC for work, she got herself caught up in the Smithsonian exhibitions. **Cara Gunther Waterhouse** and her husband Rob are busy parents to fraternal twin girls, Georgina Beatrice and Charlotte Rose, born 5/30/05. Last Easter, they visited Disney world with **Amy Davis**. Cara and Rob love being parents so much that they plan to expand their family. She'd love to hear from her SBC friends.

Jodi Szuszcwicz McGhee and husband Bryan celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary last Oct. Jodi home schools children Megan (8) and Garrett (6), loves it. She says, "If

you're a mom excited about your child's first steps, wait until he or she starts to read or better yet, do multiplication and word problems!" She spends free time with horse Havanna. She and family live in Haymarket, VA, near sister **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead**. She sees **Dorothy Bailey** and **Heather Roby** several times each year, looks forward to Memorial Day with Kim, Heather, Dorothy, **Christy Young McCain**, **Alice Windham** and their families.

I spent the last year at Capital U. Law School and earned a paralegal certificate. It was an intense year, but it opened my eyes to the possibility of law school. Now I'm just trying to find a job! For a break in Aug., I went to DC for a girl's weekend with Hilarie Wakefield Dayton '95. Had a great time shopping, and visiting museums while her mother-in-law and husband took care of Christopher, a nice break for both of us. In Nov., I spent a weekend in Philly, and caught up with **Betsy Lanard** and adorable daughter Marley.

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Thanks for all the notes; you make my job so easy. For those of you not receiving updates or reminders, please email me with new information. Many emails bounce back. I want to ensure you're all in the loop!

Katie Maxwell Schellhammer's house and sanity survived a long winter with energetic boys Max (3½) and Will (1½). Winter doldrums were eased by weekly playdates with **Mary Byrd Schroder Braun's** son Drew and his nanny, as well as **Heather Aspinwall's** updates about her love life. Katie says Heather had a fun year! Katie was sad when **Holly Elkins Marshall** and husband Stephen sold their home across the street and moved to Richmond. For the first time in 15 years, they're in different towns. Holly's daughter Madison turned one on 3/30/07 and is a mini-Holly!

Beverly Stone Dale writes, "Jeff and I excitedly await the arrival of our first child due the end of May. I have had LOTS of fun decorating and organizing the nursery. Teaching continues to go well, but after baby Dale's arrival, I'll take a break to concentrate on motherhood. Look forward to seeing **Bergen Hall Daley** and **Gwen Babcock Hickey** and families as they trek South for a long weekend, mid. Apr."

Gwen Hickey Babcock is excited for Beverly's baby to arrive! Gwen

and daughter Kaeden hope for a girl! Gwen can't believe Kaeden will be 5 on 9/30/07! Her troublesome back is her other "baby" right now (she has a name for it, but said it couldn't be printed here!) Also on the baby front, **Carson Scheppe Hobby** had a son, Henry Lawson Hobby 12/18/06. **Maren Howard Legget** and husband Peter are godparents. Maren and Peter will go to Jacksonville Easter weekend for the Baptism and to enjoy FL sun.

A lot of moving and home buying in '95. **Cat Ehlen** wrote as she closed on a 2-bedroom condo in Boston's Navy Yard! Cat's still in shock that she bought the condo, and doesn't know what to do first. As a high-end residential designer for a design/build firm in Boston, she's used to putting places together, now she's her own client! In Jan., Cat went to New Orleans to see **Kat Madden Pearl**, husband Rich, and "super puppy," Maggie. Cat says Kat is well; it was great to catch up, relax and reminisce about SBC. Cat's also seen Sisi Carroll Zirkle '93 in Boston, and sons William (15 mos.) and Andrew (3 mos.). Cat said let her know if you're up her way, she'd love to see you! Another person in the midst of a big move is **Kristina Pody Hibdon**. They're not going far, but have all the hassles. The pay-off is huge. The new house will have a pool, less yard work. Her job is great, and the company is growing (a state leader). She credits SBC for her confidence to make necessary changes in her career even if they're not "mainstream" ideas. **Trish Webb** also moved, she's back in Santa Barbara, an Operations Manager at Morgan Stanley. Finally on the moving front, **Lisa Buckingham Darr**, husband Mike, and girls Maddie (2½) and Meghan (9 mos.) are in the process of moving to Richardson, TX. They've been in MI for 8 years, thoroughly enjoyed it. This summer, she and Mike celebrate their 12-year anniversary. Lisa will celebrate 2 years of being a stay-at-home mom.

Kelly Hall, in constant motion all over globe writes, "I spent the fall teaching college classes on the U.S.S. Mason, a destroyer in the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. I had 2 great port visits to Croatia and Athens, and got to visit an aircraft carrier."

From Louisville, **Kimberly Roda Morehead** writes, "we're doing great, getting ready to do the insane. Taking kids Georgia (4) and Claire (1) to DisneyWorld, the "Happiest Place on the Earth!" I'll let everyone know if that's true when (if?) we return. I work more hours than I want to, still at ITAA. But it gives me a break from the 100th game of CandyLand and playing My Pretty Ponies!"

Also in Louisville, **Molly Becherer Hasty** completed her fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine last summer. She's glad to be "home" in KY

and enjoys being around family and old friends. She works in the emergency department at the children's hospital, Louisville. Her husband enjoys work as a district sales manager for a pharmaceutical company. Daughter Lucy (3) is thrilled to have a baby brother, due July. Lastly, Molly writes, "The news of Mary Byrd's death was such a tragic reminder of life's fragility. I cherish the memories and friendships I made at SBC. I hope everyone is fulfilled and loved."

Jane Rabadi is beginning her 11th year in Denver and living with partner Shannon Daut and 5 cats. In 12/07, Jane will graduate with her BFA in Communication Design. She works at a design studio and nonprofit arts organization. "I miss my dear friend, Lynn McEachern '96, who passed away this last Nov.; she was very special to me!"

Megan Maltby still lives in Richmond with dog Chili, works at VCU Medical Center as a clinical social worker for the Heart Transplant/ Heart Failure Programs. She's working toward her LCSW and published 2 research articles with her transplant nurse coordinators. She saw **Eleanor "Snora" Dickinson** at her art exhibit. Megan says Snora is an amazing artist and looks forward to seeing more of her work.

Sarah Young Bass writes, "Greetings from the Rockies! I don't have much to report. I'm loving married life. Mike and I will celebrate our 3 year anniversary this year. We hosted a trip to Lake Tahoe. Karn Henderson came and we had a blast! I see Lesley Byers Bush '94 often. She and I enjoyed a girl's weekend at The Broadmoor resort. I'm consulting here and there, HR and recruitment. Otherwise, staying busy with Junior League volunteer projects and working on our house."

Margaret Bruha joined Abbott Laboratories as a Business Analyst.

Lucile Page Martin runs a few "side businesses." Lucile writes, "When I'm not busy teaching cardio-pole dancing in my home studio, I'm pageant training with Mary (1), will be much easier once she can walk. Carter is learning to mow the grass before his 3rd birthday and has been assaulting lots of little girls on the playground. Bud is excited and proud of his family's endeavors. I'm looking forward to following Akon on his southern tour for a few weeks (and hoping to party with fellow Vixens)."

As for me, I met with **Cathy Cummings** in Baltimore in Mar. Son Walker (3) is obsessed with her, always thrilled to see "Aunt Cathy." During her visit here, she received a call from sister Christen Cummings '97 announcing engagement to longtime boyfriend Greg. Cathy continues to train, train, train. If you ever feel guilty for not exercising, hang out with Cathy. She runs, bikes, and swims enough for our whole class. She

has been around the globe running in marathons, ½ marathons, and is training for another ironman-type event, Jun. She's at Bank of America and has a big fat title (SVP, I believe).

Hope y'all have a happy, healthy summer!

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Sadly, I report the loss of **Lynn McEachern**. Lynn is dearly missed by fellow classmates. In her honor, let's treat everyday as a gift. Our love and thoughts are with Lynn and our heartfelt condolences go to her family.

Lisa Aumiller expects her 3rd child, 9/07. Quin (4) and Joli Mae (2) are excited, looking forward to the new baby. Like Joli, the baby will be born at home! Lisa landed an "Ask the Vet Column" in the local newspaper and is a partner of the practice where she has worked for 8 years.

Robin Bettger Fishburne and Joe have daughter Gibbs (2). "We're still in Greenville, SC, love being parents. Gibbs's godmother, Sarah Bucciero Betz '98, spoils her rotten. Missing Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun '95 very much.

Lee Foley Dolan and husband Duke are doing great in Richmond, VA. They enjoy a busy spring with Henry (5) and Mattie (2½). Lee is busy, involved with the Children's Museum of Richmond and plans to travel with **Laura Lechler** to CA in Jun. to see **Mary Copeland Dellinger**, **Natalie Brown Adees** and **Annie Pankoski Sherman**. Should be a fun girl's getaway!

Victoria Gadja Hartwell's wedding and honeymoon last May were beautiful! Victoria and husband Jehmal expect their first baby, a son, 5/27/07! They're very excited. Their family is growing as her husband brought Devon (13) and Olivia (9) into the marriage. They're excited about baby. Victoria's Mom can't wait to meet her new grandson! Victoria keeps in touch with **Linda Towers**, who will be there for the birth and will affectionately be Auntie Linda. Working as a nurse and planning for their baby's arrival has kept Victoria busy! They also have 4 Siberian Huskies and 2 Persian cats prepare for the arrival! Victoria and Jehmal plan a Spring Break trip in Mar. to Disney World to meet friends they haven't seen since the wedding. Last but not least is the

long-awaited release of *Pirates of the Caribbean 3—At World's End*; it comes out 2 days before Victoria's due date and barring any complications she'll be there!

April Collins Potterfield writes: "we still live in Columbia, MO; Russell manages his business. I'm still an Assistant Professor at Westminster Coll. Benjamin is beautiful, joyful and awe-inspiring. We recently traveled to Seoul, South Korea where Benjamin and I stayed during winter term. I taught Biology at Doksung Women's U. there. It was fabulous; Benjamin was a hit with the locals; he was there for 5 weeks and learned a bit of the language. Somehow he landed his photo in the *Chosun Times of Seoul*. He's ready to return; we miss the food and the kindness. We haven't seen any SBC friends since reunion, desperately wish there were another reunion this year."

Abigail Phillips Hinga and husband Sean moved to Denver after 10 years in Washington DC. They're thrilled to be close to their families, Laura Powell '97, and myself (We're excited to have Abby and Sean here!). They'd love to have people visit and ski!

Jennifer Trzupek Pala writes: "our basement is back in order after the flood that hit in Sept.! Holidays were wonderful; I was informed that a fellow SBCer Amanda Diamond Ring '98 expects her 2nd child in Mar. '07! As for my children, Harrison will start his first soccer league in spring and in fall, he'll attend preschool at my alma mater grade school. Carter will be hanging out with mom and dad on the sidelines cheering for big brother as he awaits his turn on the soccer field! I'm involved in local social clubs and pondering taking a photography course to pursue a dream of being an amateur photographer, specializing in infant and young children's photographs. Best wishes to classmates who've given birth or are on the road of pregnancy! Enjoy every minute!

Susan Whitehead-Froehlich and husband anxiously await the arrival of their first child! A boy, Caden James, due 2/6/07. Everything now revolves around baby! They hope to move to a new house closer to Susan's parents for a babysitter close by! Susan still works at the River Ridge Mall in marketing and getting ready to set up the Easter decor.

Amy Daugherty Michel and Sam welcomed firstborn son Xander Joseph Michel 3/9/07 after a fast 6-hour labor! He weighed 7 lbs., 0.7 oz. and was 20 in. long. Amy and Sam fell instantly and overwhelmingly in love, and of course think he is perfect. Some of Xander's first SBC visitors were aunts **Paige Vaught Campion** and **Mary Copeland Dellinger**. Amy sends sincerest thanks to Janeen for taking over class notes this time. Paige is doing great; her 2nd child

due in 8/07. Paige visited SBC, 2/07 with daughter Ellie (3) and her Mom for the annual trip. SBC looked great as usual. Amy hopes to see lots of her dear friends this year and next.

Life in Boulder is excellent. When I'm not busy working as a Human Factors Engineer or with school, I enjoy the beautiful mountains of CO. I'm thrilled that more and more SBCers are migrating to the area. In winter, I was lucky enough to spend a month in India, look forward to more interesting adventures to come! It was also a recent treat to have Joanne Hopkins '98 in town. I welcome visitors! Class of '96, thank you for your contributions. I hope life is treating each of you kindly.

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Reunion 2008: May 16-18, 2008

Hello, Friends! Reunion plans are underway. You'll hear from the Reunion Hospitality Committee (RHC) in Aug! Our 10th yr Reunion is May 16-18, 2008; we don't want anyone left out! Please update your contact info on the SBC Alumnae web site. Contact me with questions.

Emily Virkus Calle works full-time at a ballroom dance studio and training for spring competitions in Las Vegas. At work, she ran into **Blake Potter** and fiancé. **Dana Bordvick Poleski** is Dir. of Marketing and Communications at United Way of Central, VA and wears many hats with a diverse range of responsibilities. Her freelance graphic arts business has picked up with a new client, a local jewelry company, and an "old friend," her former employer, Amazement Square Children's Museum. Things are busy on the farm for her and husband Mark. They're constructing 2 riding rings: a round pen and a small dressage arena.

On 9/16/06 in Spain **Leslie Farinas** married Roberto Lopez, an arts major in Medieval Studies who has an import company. They live in Zaragoza. **Blake Potter**, **Maleka Newsome**, **Leigh Wilson** '97 and **Christina Stanton** '97 attended. Leslie is finishing medical school at la Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain. **Darelle**

Pfeiffer and **Tim Briggs** (same guy dated at SBC) married, 11/1/06, in Brielle, NJ. **Marnie Tokaruk Bates**, **Kindle Samuel Barkus**, **Astrid Liverman**, and **Nicole Kelleher-Linkonis** '97 attended.

Tonya Grudier Montgomery and **Katie Martin** vacationed together in Jamaica, 11/06. They had fun even though it rained the entire time! Tonya is the Associate Dean of Student Life at Oldfields School (girls boarding school N of Baltimore). **Joanne Hopkins** visited with Janeen Sharma '96 in Boulder, CO while on a business trip. Joanne also spent 2.5 weeks in New Zealand and Australia with friends. She completed a 2.8 km open water swim there, enjoyed hiking and snorkeling. **Astrid Liverman** went to Peru in Mar. to hike the Inca trail up to Machu Picchu and then moved to Kailua, Oahu, HI in Apr. for summer (perhaps longer!). "It's a wild, bold, crazy, and wonderful move I'm making to go be with new beau Taylor." In Apr., she had a lecture engagement at Wesleyan U., CT to present dissertation research.

Lisa Williams ran the London marathon in Apr. to raise money for charity. She traveled Thailand and Europe earlier this year, hopes to see US friends this summer. "No man, no babies, no plans. I think London men aren't so hot on commitment and family life, that, or I have green scales under my clothes!" **Stephanie Belk Loter** lives in Wake Forest, NC with husband Tom and pets. She wants to start a family soon and to change careers from horse vet to dog rehabilitation vet and acupuncturist. "Unfortunately, I haven't kept in touch, but would love to talk to old friends again." **Laura Fitton Pieper**, is the arts and entertainment reporter for the *Ames Tribune* (N of Des Moines, IA and home to IAU where husband Nathane went to school). "Go Cyclones! I'll finally be a feature writer rather than just 'newsroom drone!'"

Mary Ann Bennett LOVES being stay-at-home mom (SAHM) to Cora (2) and Liam (4). She started a side business making wreaths out of wine corks, it's beginning to take off. She sees **Susan Aronhalt** frequently, who works at UVA Hospital as a social worker, orthopedic/trauma unit. **Cyndi Hague Hinelene** loves being a SAHM to Alex (1), working as a Tupperware Consultant on the side. There hasn't been time for theatre since his birth, except for Treasury duties, but next season looks promising. She keeps in touch with Kelli Rogowski '99, who designed a beautiful mural for Alex's nursery! **Melissa Rothwell Pembroke** is a busy SAHM to Sarah (5) and Petey (2) in SW Philadelphia. She teaches piano lessons, volunteers as a Daisy Girl Scout Leader and homeroom mom, and attends a women's Bible study. She is in contact with **Anne Smith Culver** and **Andrea Sheetz McCarney**.

Mary Lea Harris Martin hangs out with **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** and Courtney Totushek Brown '97. She will attend Angela Walton's '99 wedding in Annapolis, Jun. She keeps in contact with Astrid. (She and I are jealous of Astrid's move to HI!) Anne-Claire wrote in from Urbino, Italy (where she did her JYA) visiting sister Celeste '08 studying there this year. Anne-Claire is "looking back with fond memories on many favorite spots." She will be an aunt on 5/29/07 to the 1st baby of sister Sophie '02. She hopes to spend time getting to know "the little munchkin" in Atlanta over the summer break from school. Emily Pegues '00 helped Anne-Claire celebrate her 30th birthday, and Anne-Claire visited with Mary Lea to meet baby Claire. She attended a SBC happy hour where she saw **Britt Sheinbaum** and **Allison Gerber**.

Cady Thomas is in touch with **Susan Barney**, **Lindsay Culp**, **Serena Putegnat**, **Tara Putegnat** '00, **Bronwyn Beard**, **Katie Martin**, Elizabeth Davis Baker '00 and looks forward to **Emily Busse's** wedding in Aug. Cady's cousin Megan Thomas Rowe '01 had a baby that Cady can't wait to turn into a future SBC grad! Lindsay is starting law school at GA State, Atlanta. Serena is still in Brownsville, TX working as legal counsel at the UT at Brownsville. She can't wait to see everyone at reunion and notes that **Angela Elliott Merrick's** new son is a darling!

Shelley Shreve Oliver and Jasper enjoy parenting Loren Oliver, III (2 in Sept.). Shelley works with a pharmaceutical company, enjoys it. "I love the balancing act of motherhood and work! Always the SBC grad, multi-tasking!" In Norcross, GA, **Monica Brown** and husband of 3 years AI expect their first baby this summer. She is spring cleaning and preparing the nursery. She left her position at the Art Institute, and now assists AI with a nonprofit organization he started. She lunches with Cole Shanholtz '06 occasionally who works in Marietta.

Chantel Bartlett manages the scholarship program in DC. She quadrupled participation from h. s. seniors in one year! Chantel visited **Candice Broughton Maillard**, LA in Jan. for a long weekend. "It was so fun to catch up and get to know her boys" (Everest & Judah). Richard (Candice's husband) was ordained as their church's youth pastor while Chantel was there. Candice is involved in church activities. Chantel's jewelry business is growing. Inventory was nearly depleted over Christmas. "I'm working to add to the collection and finding new ways to promote myself." Chantel reconnected with **Melia Childress di Kodani**. **Melissa Coffey**, Alicia King '97, **Gretchen Gravley Tucker**, and **Darrell Pfeiffer** at the SBC Advisory Council

Weekend. Melissa did a wonderful job organizing the event. Gretchen Sowash '98 (Turning Point) was on campus for the councils. Go '98! We had a great turn-out! Amazing things are happening for SBC girls!

As for myself, Darrin has a new job, we're in transit. I'm leading a Bible study, keeping home, and working on our 10th-yr Reunion and Annual Fund. Virginia (2) will have a baby brother in Aug. and we're adapting to our "new normal." **Cady Thomas**, **Anna Meres Wade**, and **Kelsey Larus** co-chair the RHC with me. Contact us if you have any great ideas or wish to volunteer. See you in May!

BABY NEWS: **Nichi Benson Knox** and husband birthed Robert David, 6/9/06. Nichi teaches full-time in Nashville while Mom watches baby. **Kathy Rong Jiang Muliadi** and husband welcomed baby Brandon River into their family, 11/1/06. **Gretchen Gravley Tucker** and husband Scott birthed Gracen Ainsley, 11/22/06. And **T.C. Weisman Kennedy** and husband Burke welcomed Anastasia Constanze, 11/27/06. They call her Stasi. T.C. sent in: "Now, nearly 4 mos. old [Stasi's] favorite outfit is Pink and Green! I'm doing well and son [Loki] just turned 2 in Mar. My how time flies." Katherine Claire was born to **Mary Lea Martin Harris**, Geoff, and Emma (4) on 2/21/07. And **Angela Elliott Merrick** and husband welcomed new son Elliott in Feb. Asher Caleb Ring was born, 3/30/07 at 5:31pm to **Amanda Diamond Ring** and husband. "We giggled, laughed, and joked from beginning through pushing!"

EXPECTING BABIES in 2007: Natalie Lindfors Recupero, Monica Brown, Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett, and Kelly Bowman Greenwood.

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Kim Bolz-Andolshek is having a great time with Kate (4) and Leo (2). This is her 4th year of the school board in Pequot Lakes, MN. She visited roommate **Katie Leeming Sparkman** in Feb. when she flew to MN for Kim's big 30th b-day party. 80's style.

Rachel Brattie and husband Chris well in Charleston, SC. Rachel is finishing her 3rd year of psychiatry residency, will serve as Chief Resident during her final, 4th year. After residency, they plan to move back to CA.

Amy Gibbs Brown moved to Boulder, CO for her husband's post-doc. She expects her 2nd son, 5/07. She

misses the east coast, hopes to move back after Kenton's post-doc.

Aracelie Castro purchased her first new home in Alexandria, VA. She still works for Dept. of Defense doing budget execution.

Sara Catherine Clyburn Corbett lives and works in Pittsburgh. She attended graduate school for a year, but then went back to work in college admissions. She is employed by Carlow U., a women's college in Pittsburgh. Husband Courtney is completing a Ph.D. at U. Pitt, serves as adjunct faculty in the Sociology dept. No plans for kids, 2 dogs, and 2 cats are enough.

Sarah Dean has worked for a non-profit public interest law firm, Public Justice, in DC. She'll move from Adams Morgan neighborhood to Glover Park in Apr. She had dinner with **Kristine Bria** in NYC, and met **Amy Jo Downing Pitts's** new son Charlie.

Brenda Elze's mom passed in Feb. **Jill Stromberg** drove up to stay with her. Brenda is grateful for her friendship as well as all SBC sisters who have written and called. She went on a much needed vacation with her boyfriend for his R&R, 2 weeks in Tahiti and Bora Bora. She's getting out of the military this fall (after 6.5 years) with promising job offers.

Rachel Barnard Fendley and Bill enjoy parenting William Guy Fendley V, born 12/20/06. 2 french bulldogs Emma and Hogan love him. She's decided not to work and to stay at home with Will. **Paige Wunder Fadden** co-hosted her baby shower.

Ben and Kelly Turney Gatzke welcomed daughter Amelia Lynn, 2/1/07. Kelly quit her paralegal job of 5 years to be home with Amelia, loves it. Ben will deploy to Iraq for the 2nd time in May. Kelly plans to move with her parents in SC during the deployment lasting 18 months. They hope to get out of Fort Stewart, GA after deployment since they've lived there since '99, are ready for a new post! Kelly was in **Sarah Elkins Ince's** wedding last summer and saw many classmates at SBC for the festivities.

Krista Wigginton Gravatt and Latham had 2nd son Carter on Halloween '06. They live in Belleville, MI. Krista is about to finish her MSW at U of MI.

Kris Harris works for PricewaterhouseCoopers, nonprofit group in the OC area. After years of avoiding it, she finally passed the CPA exam. She's finding her work rewarding and is excited to head to a humanitarian aid project site in Honduras in Apr, for the same client she went down to Peru last year this time. She's excited about all the babies this year and was happy to meet **Katie Leeming Sparkman** and **Melissa Henning Hill's** little ones and looks forward to a trip to Lynchburg to see **Tina Hansel Snover's** new baby. Hopefully

Tina's new baby will have the same love for yummy yummy sauce from Kyotos!

Melissa Henning Hill and husband Barrett had baby Owen on 12/15/06. Life has changed for Melissa since, as she "retired" from her job in event planning at Textron and is now enjoying life as full time mother.

Donna Hoogland Harwood is still living in Charles City, VA teaching children with autism in Henrico County, VA.

Sean and Lindsey Neef Kelly welcomed first child Catherine Juliet Kelly, 3/1/07. Catherine weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and mom and dad are pleased to report she's happy and healthy (and, of course, beautiful, intelligent, and a future Vixen). Lindsey is on maternity leave for 6 weeks, and while she'll be sad to drop Catherine off in day care, looks forward to returning to work at Glasser and Glasser, PLC, in Norfolk, where she runs foreclosure sales all over VA.

Derek and Valerie Roche Kite expect a baby boy in Jul.

Jennie Lee is back from Seoul Korea, moved to sunny Los Angeles. She is engaged to Joon Baick and will marry 12/15/07.

Meghan Pollard Leypoldt keeps busy with her Masters in Women's Studies at Duke and her work in admissions at The Duke MBA. For work, she traveled to China, South Korea, Japan, England, Hungary, Greece, and Turkey. In summer, Meghan will spend 3 weeks in Italy for her graduate program studying gender imagery represented in art and architecture. In Mar., she had a huge 30th birthday party and was joined by Isabel Jean-Pierre '98 and **Brandi Whitley Hilder**. Meghan spent a weekend with **Sarah Kingsley Foley** and met her son Cole. She also saw **Megan Butt Glover** and Ann McDonald Carter '97 there. Meghan and her husband Steve continue to love married life and will celebrate their 5th anniversary, 4/27/07. If anyone is NC, please visit!

Returning from Germany, **Jen Schmidt Major** spent 2 years in Philadelphia, PA running the Wharton Kids Club while husband Mike (USMA '99) earned his MBA. After graduation, Jen and Mike moved to Buffalo, NY, where they bought their first house. Jen and sisters Abby Schmidt '00 and Kim Schmidt Miscavage '01 participated in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk this fall to raise money for cancer research in honor of their mother. Jen, Mike, Anna, and Emily expect their 3rd baby in Sept.

Gina Marie Mondel still shows horses on the "A" circuit. This year, she formed an LLC for her tutoring business, started 8 years ago. Gina tutors children that also ride competitively and spend much of their time away from school. Although there are new horses her life,

Woodrow (graduate from SBC) has retired from showing; he still travels everywhere with Gina—who spends most of the year in West Palm Beach FL and summers in the north, constantly traveling to shows. Gina regularly sees **Cara Meade**, who works in the same barn.

Emily Sartor Patterson reports that **Kristin Hard** will marry Leland Clemmons in 6/07. Emily, **Anna Carmichael Redding**, and **Shannon Weisenberger Habenicht** plant to attend. Kristin and Leland live in San Francisco, she works as a graphic designer. Emily works at Duke Medical Center providing therapy to families with cancer. Anna is an elem. counselor, keeps busy with son Charlie.

Leslie Stokes will finish her Clinical Pastoral Education Residency at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Next year she'll finish her MDiv at Candler School of Theology, Emory U. She hopes to continue with a degree in Art Therapy.

Lillie Voght Tillar lives in VA Beach, VA and has fun staying home with daughter Virginia Ames (3) and soon baby girl due 4/5/07.

Lindsay Hicks Watrous married Tim Watrous, 11/06. They had a small wedding and reception with family and friends, went on a belated honeymoon in Jan. Lindsay lives with Tim and dog Sage in west Phoenix, and rents her townhouse to her sister. She still works in public relations with clients in the commercial and residential real estate industry.

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Hello, Class of '00! I hope you're having a great year. **Alicia Hart Palmore** and husband Michael (HSC '97) welcomed Henry Hart Palmore, 6/29/06. All is well for the new family. **Erin Wright East** attended Catherine Holswade's ('01) wedding in Richmond, VA with Leah Solivan Busque '01. They saw **Allison Johnson**, married and lives in VA Beach. Erin sees Sarah Foley Barhight '01 and Kris Harris '99. In Apr., Erin and son Jack (16 mos.) look forward to a play date with Alicia and Henry! **Anne Harper Biard** says that even though she transferred, she keeps up with **Noelle Lotano Speedy** and **Alicia Hart Palmore**. She graduated from Southern Methodist U. in Dallas, TX in 2000 with a BBA in Marketing and Spanish. She then received her MBA from TX A&M-Commerce in '02. Anne worked for The Container Store Corp. for 3 years, Dallas, then joined her family business in '03 as Dir. of Marketing at We Pack

Logistics in Paris, TX. She married Will Biard in 10/04, they expect a baby girl this Apr. **Susan Bobb** reports from Leipzig, Germany where she is doing research at the Max Planck Institute for 5 months towards her dissertation. She plans to finish her degree, summer '08. In Jan., Susan got engaged to boyfriend Jamie Michael Clark. They plan a 12/07 wedding. Susan spent spring break in Paris with her fiancé where she visited with **Bénédicte Valentine Lemoth**, husband Alexis, and Rêmi (3 mos.). Susan says Béné is well and both she and Alexis are incredible parents. Bénédicte and her family moved to Maisons-Laffitte, in the northwestern suburbs of Paris. Her husband quit his engineering job in Oct. for theology school. **Angelina Alongi** teaches 7th and 8th grade science at Creekwood Middle School in Houston, TX. She also helps her mother with a grass-fed beef operation at her parents' ranch in Franklin, TX. Angelina says the weather is nice compared to NY!

Things are busy in New Orleans for **Carol Skriloff**. She is in school to get her MBA at Tulane and travels nonstop for work. Carol is excited to attend **Renee Dupre's** wedding in Houston, 6/23/07 and is hosting her bachelorette party in New Orleans. Carol says she had Susana Bobadilla '01 down for Mardi Gras when "Thomas and I threw a party called 'Pancakes and Kingcakes!' Also in New Orleans, since 2/06, is **Allison Davis**. She works for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs doing liaison work with St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes. Work is challenging, but rewarding. **Betsy Bagg** and **Amy Scott** visited Allison last Oct. They drove to Ocean Springs, MS for **Germaine Gottsche Wilson's** wedding party. **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** celebrated with them. Wendy and husband Keith expect a little girl 7/4/07, so excited! Wendy loves her job as a national strategic analyst for AstraZeneca and lives in Bel Air, MD. Germaine is a dentist in Ocean Springs. She and Allison get together often. Amy and Allison will be traveling to Las Vegas in August to celebrate Betsy's birthday. Allison says Vegas won't know what hit it! **Anne-Ryan Sinnott Craig** works at James Madison U., enjoys it. She and husband Matt will celebrate their 3rd anniversary in May and daughter Abigail will celebrate her 1st birthday, 5/11/07! She sees **Kimberly Earehart Coleman** and daughter Claire, would love to hear from other classmates. **Liz Hyland Swann** and husband Kevin (HSC '01) live in MA. She has boys Aaron (5) and Brandon (3). She's part-time manager for Victoria's Secret, mainly just to get out and interact with adults. She keeps in touch with Ameka Reeves Cruz '01, Chanel Smith '01, Meghan Frier '01, **Casey Herman**, and **Nicole Rodriguez**.

Becky Stephenson still teaches 6th grade at a private school in Martinsburg, WV. **Lucy Brooks Thomas** married Mike, 11/18/06 and spent 10 days honeymooning in St. Lucia. Leah Brooks Waldrup '01, **Susan Bobb**, **Christine Bump**, **Ginny Gilbert Smith**, **Evangeline Easterly Taylor**, **Amanda Ankerman**, and Elizabeth Puckett '01 attended the wedding, a fantastic time! She and her husband are busy with church activities and looking forward summer at the lake. **Amanda Ankerman** began her job with the U.S. Dept. of State, working in nonproliferation and international security issues. The commute is longer, but work is satisfying. She takes painting and drawing classes at her local community center, and 6 of her watercolors sold at an auction to raise money for child relief effort in Burundi. In Mar., **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and **Amanda** co-hosted a Premier Designs jewelry party. Evangeline hosted one at home in Apr. and hopes to see some fellow SBCers there. Evangeline is busy at her lab in Johns Hopkins, trying to win the fight against cancer one experiment at a time. She enjoys fixing up the house bought last year. **Amanda Ankerman** visited with "almost-engaged" **Christine Bump** and an expectant Marian Spivey '01 at a SBC happy hour. As of late Jan. '07, Christine is living in her condo again! It was completely gutted after 2 floods in 2/06 and 5/06. She needed new everything from walls, cupboards and fixtures, to floors and furniture. She redesigned it, loves the results. She still works long hours as an associate attorney, loves food and drug law, but shorter days would be nice. Christine was in attendance at **Lucy Brooks Thomas's** wedding. Lucy "was a beautiful bride, and the wedding was a lot of fun." She still sees **Lindsay Perkins**, though not often enough, considering they live in the same town. Finally, Christine says that "though I'm not yet engaged, I've been dating 'the one' for one year now. We are very happy, and I hope to report an engagement soon!" **Katie Wright Thomas** gave birth to Robert Spencer Thomas, Jr., 5/06. She and husband Spencer (HSC '00) moved to Statesboro, GA for his new position as COO for East GA Regional Medical Center. It's only 45 min. from Savannah, love their new town. Katie visited with **Jackie Hauslein Kruchten**, husband Jake, and daughter Lillie (1). Katie is a stay-at-home mom, keeps busy with volunteer work, riding and showing horse Ashley. **Emily Pegues** also visited Jackie, and still enjoys work at the National Gallery of Art. She can do more of what she enjoys, including teaching kids and art history research. Last fall, she started a small business called "CloseKnit," in the Alexandria Farmer's Market where she sold things she knitted, mainly scarves. It started as a lark, but was successful so it

became a fun little side project! Emily sees **Jackie Hauslein Kruchten** and darling little girl Lillie (1) and was the "belle of the ball" at her first birthday party. Emily sees Anne-Claire Wackenhut '98 in DC, but never sees all the DC/VA alumnae as much as she would like! Emily saw Prof. Ed Schwarzschild at a bookstore where he was on tour promoting his book, *Responsible Men*. It's a great book. Rush out and buy a copy! SBC students might recognize a familiar character or 2 in it! **Ashley Hill** completed her Masters in Landscape Architecture from UVA. She was awarded the Benjamin C. Howland Traveling Fellowship which took her to Brazil in Aug. to study development along the BR-163 highway, which passes the Amazon rainforest. Now she's home in Ipswich, MA and works for Crosby/Schlessinger/S mallridge, a landscape and urban design firm in Boston. Ashley represented Sweet Briar in the alumni division for the IHSA (intercollegiate riding) in fall and will continue competitions in spring. It was nice to see everyone at the SBC Alumnae lunch at the Zebra Room in Cambridge. **Kimberly Harden Fella** and Chad had a great early anniversary trip to Jamaica over Thanksgiving, spent Christmas and New Year's together too. He is stationed in Jacksonville (5 hours from their home, Macon, GA) and his ship will be on a 6-month deployment to Africa beginning in mid-May. Before he leaves, Kim will be taking a week off work as a school counselor so they can travel to Chicago for vacation before her brother's wedding in MD. Hopefully her summer vacation from school without him will pass quickly, her parents will be moving to Macon in Jul. **Nikki Lamm** is back from performing in France with a new company called NY Opera Society. She covered the role of Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* and sang in concert. She still teaches voice lessons in Northern VA and DC and keeps in shape by teaching aerobics at the YMCA as well. **Mandy Rice** went to **Elizabeth Hamshaw's** wedding in NH, 9/06. Other guests included bridesmaids **Kristy Chatham**, Heather McLeod '99, and **Chaavi Sharma**, and wedding guests **Lindsey Custer**, Melanie Naquin '01, and Amy Whitney '01. Mandy lives in Louisville, KY in a condo she bought a year and a half ago with cats Lily and Josephina. She'd love to hear from anyone passing through. **Vicki Zak Rosenthal** and her husband moved to Honolulu, HI in 9/05, and got married this past Nov. on the beach. **Kate Kenefick**, **Christian Turner York**, Sarah Belanger '01 and **Holly Wilmeth** attended the wedding. Vicki and her husband honeymooned in New Orleans, and made a small trip to NYC, Feb. They met with Chris York in time to enjoy the cold weather! She absolutely loves HI, and hopes everyone

is well. **Amy Hess Snawder**, still in AZ, got back from 2 weeks in Germany. Husband Jared is deployed to Iraq; she spent his 2-week R&R with him in Germany. They met in Frankfurt, then went on to Heidelberg (on her birthday!), Munich, Garmish, and Berlin. Jared should be back in Aug. and will relinquish company command in Dec. They expect a move somewhere then, not sure where.

Heather Carson still lives in Boston. She has close contact with Sarah Bradford '01 and **Abby Schmidt**. She works on the SBC Boston Alumnae Club Steering committee with the new Chair, Jen Montfort '01. Heather talks to **Amy Hess Snawder**, but doesn't get to see her much, it's a long way from Boston to AZ! She is the Office Manager at Flagship Ventures in Cambridge. Flagship offers venture capital investments in the IT and Life Sciences sectors. Heather will begin work on my Master's degree in Arts Administration in Sept. at Boston U.

Alison Stockdale will celebrate her 5 year anniversary working for the federal government in Aug. This spring she moved to a new position helping other federal agencies manage Drug Free Workplace Programs. She travels more for work and has been to FL, GA, and PA. Once she is acclimated to travel, she'll call classmates in those areas. Before taking the new job, Alison visited **Alissa Harris** in Los Angeles. She says it was so cool going to work with her at 20th Century Fox; she's pretty sure LA is polar opposite of Washington, DC, a nice change. Adam and Alison celebrated their one-year anniversary in May and are busy with home projects. She will visit to SBC a couple of times in '07 for her position as Young Alumnae Giving Co-Chair. She continues to enjoy volunteering (and donating!) to SBC and seeing alumnae at functions.

As for me, **Elizabeth Davis Baker**, I was sad to miss **Liz Keating Michaels'** wedding to Todd, 3/31/07. **Tarrah Kehm** and **Lindsay Perkins** were in her wedding, lots of SBC girls cheered them on. Tarrah calls Brussels, Belgium home, but travels all over the world. I got a surprise visit over Spring Break from **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** and her family! Lindsey, Andy and James (1) stopped through Smithfield for lunch on the way to Hilton Head. James is the most precious little boy, I enjoyed their visit. Lindsey plans to stop her full-time job teaching middle-schoolers to teach math part-time next fall at a local h. s. I also heard from **Emily McGregor Fenlaw**, who welcomed baby boy Jett Alexander Fenlaw, at 6pm on New Year's Eve! Emily, Jay, and Jett are well if cute baby pictures are any indication. I'm halfway through my Master's in English, Technical & Professional Communication at East Carolina U., should finish in 12/08. This year I celebrate my 5-year anniversary

with Johnston Community Coll.'s TRID program and will continue my term as a member of the Coll. Foundation's Board of Dir. Brian will begin his MBA program at ECU in fall and keeps fingers crossed that Pepsi will appreciate it! I love hearing from you and look forward to more news next time!

2001

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Kim Schmidt Miscavage will become an aunt this summer. Sister Jen '99 is pregnant with her 3rd child. Kim received her Senior Professional in HR certification, is happy to have free time from studying. She is earning her SCUBA certification and fostering a litter of Pit Bull puppies in Schenectady, NY. Kim and husband will join **Katy Kruschwitz Caricato** and Peter at **Nia Fonow's** wedding to Matthew Ravenstahl, 8/4/07. Nia will be attended by **Ariana Wolyne-Werner**. She's excited to be the stepmother to Maris (13) and Seth (9) who already keep her on her toes. **Erin Bronson** writes that sister **Meg** is engaged to Kyle Braddy from HSC and will marry 9/22/07! **Amy Tabb** will marry David Wright in 5/07. They're both at Purdue U. finishing up degrees. **Lori Kovatch** will marry on 4/28/07 and is lucky to have friends from SBC celebrating with her. **Hillary Herlhey**, **Christy Holterman Ziegler** and **Alison Brown Breene** will be in her wedding and **Lauren Kaplan**, **Megan Tarnowski Gundogdu**, **Tana Malm Baber**, **Laurina Katz**, **Jenaire Terry**, **Ebeth McGovern Brahn** and hopefully **Amy Mosher Alber** and **Erin Alberda** will help Lori celebrate in style. In addition to wedding planning, Lori is busy telecommuting to NJ for a special project and running her fiancé's Aunt's horse farm, Bella Vista Equestrian Center, Litchfield, KY. Lori has lots of responsibility, teaches riding, trains horses, and competes in 3 Day Eventing.

Lauren Kaplan is engaged and planning a Sept. wedding to Cary Slobin. **Elizabeth McGovern Brann** and **Alison Brown Breene** will be in her wedding and daughter Ava Grace will be a flower girl!

As class notes go to print, **Ariana Kateryna Wolyne-Werner** will have graduated from Tulane Law School in New Orleans and taken the Louisiana bar exam. She visits with **Amanda Campbell Wright**, husband Spencer, and daughter Campbell for rest and relaxation in Austin, TX. Ariana was selected as a Presidential Management Fellowship finalist last spring. She was also a finalist in Tulane's Intrascchool ADR

Moot Court Tournament (one more round to go). In her spare time, she builds with Habitat for Humanity.

Brianne Harvey Kennedy and husband Richard relocated to SC. Brianne took a break from teaching to stay at home with sons Tripp (2) and Trevor (1).

Erin Alberda continues on her quest for the '08 Paralympics with the selection Trials for the '07 World Championships in May!

Angela Aiken Cameron was married in 5/06 and will finish her Master's in Social Work at the U. of MD, Baltimore, 5/07.

Jennifer Montfort moved to Boston in Jun. and is an administrative assistant for Harvard Medical School's Office of Resource Development. She has a lot responsibility, is learning a lot. She takes graduate courses at Harvard's Extension Coll. In scant free time, she's Chair of the Steering Committee for the Boston Alumnae Club and is busy planning successful events including the annual Sweet Briar Day brunch. Visits with **Sarah Bradford** and **Heather Carson** '00 have included a memorable run to NH for a Christmas tree.

Vanessa Corry Julsen is almost finished with her first internship year at the U. of KY. She plans to apply for a hematology/oncology fellowship at UKY. Husband Trace loves his family medicine residency, looks forward to a sports medicine fellowship, too! Vanessa enjoys free time with son Austin and sees Emily Harris Geary '02 frequently. Vanessa will be Matron of Honor in **Rebekah Burr's** Sept. wedding and **Rachel Sourder-Arguedas** is a bridesmaid. Vanessa and **Brie Vogler Midura** catch up often over the phone.

Elizabeth Finch Wright quit her job in Nov.; she and husband own a Tropical Smoothie Franchise in Norfolk, VA. Owning and operating this business is her full time job. She plans to open another store in VA Beach this year.

Sarah Belanger received distinction honors on her Thesis on the sustainability of women's colleges from Oxford. She completed her MSc Degree in Comparative and International Education and is settling in Washington, DC as the manager of a non-profit.

Natasha Nickodem has returned to the States. After earning a degree from the U. of St Andrews, she works at the Arts Club in downtown Chicago. She visited with **Stephanie Sherrard** in Feb.

Agnes Sabat moved to Blacksburg, VA to begin a Laboratory Specialist position in the Animal Sciences division at Virginia Tech. She will take classes towards her degree in Sports Nutrition this spring. She loves to participate in outdoor activities, especially rowing.

Things are well for **Sarah Houston** in Albany. She enjoys her 5 min. commute and is pondering the idea of a Ph.D., year

after next. Sarah and Tyler vacationed in FL, look forward to a vacation in May. Sarah keeps busy traveling and visiting friends from the Briar. She plans visits with **Lys Burdette Paulhus** and Sarah Belanger, Washington, DC; **Natasha Nickodem**, Chicago; and **Christine Rangel**, NY.

Kyle Duval Blonde still joyfully teaches French, will be even happier when she completes her master's in Aug. She and husband Phil celebrated their 5th anniversary in Playa Del Carmen in Oct., expecting their first baby in Sept.! Kyle hosted the Sweet Briar Day luncheon for the Dallas-Fort Worth Alumnae Club and saw **Ricia Hamilton**.

Alden Rivers Potts in Atlanta has been a realtor for 4 years at Harry Norman Realtors. She married Carter Woodward Potts from Atlanta, a graduated from U. of GA, 4/06. **Lauren Bell Laffitte** and **Alicia Hart Palmore** '00 were bridesmaids. **Sarah Lyn Schuitheis Kashou** read and **Katie Whitlock Summers** '99 was a greeter.

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Courtney Arnott Silverthorn is in her 4th year of graduate school at Johns Hopkins U. She regrets that she wasn't at Homecoming. She had just returned from the International Melanoma Research Congress in the Netherlands. Courtney was named Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Research Scholar for '07. She sees Evangeline Easterly Taylor '00 at JHU.

Jessica Shannon graduated with a Master's of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May. She is a hospital chaplain intern at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital for summer '07 and a chaplain resident at Memorial Hermann Hospital until Sept. '08. Both hospitals are in Houston, TX.

Hailey Hickman Hermosa graduated from Old Dominion U. in May with a Masters in Environmental Science. She's touring the country with husband Paul Hermosa and promoting his music career. Hailey visited Camille

Simmons Evans '04 and husband in Bermuda. Hailey stays in touch with Leah Davis Philhower '04 and Diana Marshall '04, both live in Charlottesville, VA. She caught up with Khadine Fisher '04 in MD. Hailey invites everyone to check out her husband's tour schedule to see when she may be alumnae hometowns, she'd love to meet and catch up! www.PaulHermosa.com

Margaret Vanhook finished a 2nd year teaching at Bates Creek (IB) h. s. in Lexington, KY. She was chosen as one of 12 KY educators to participate in the Alantik-Brucke program in Germany. Margaret looks forward to attending their gala this Jun. in NY. She still teaches dance and choreographs events in her community. She is an h. s. swim coach. Her team was 6th in the state. Margaret returned to SBC in May to be the Maid of Honor in Shannon O'Neil's ('02) wedding. Margaret enjoyed catching up with Bre Liebring '04 over winter break.

Christine Aline Nail and husband celebrated the birth of their first child, 2/26/07 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Brandon Oliver Nail weighed 8lbs, 11oz. Husband Josh has changed law firms and is at the Philadelphia firm of Dolchin, Slotkin, & Todd, P.C. They welcome SBC grads who want to visit!

Nahliah Webber returned to the USA in 9/06 after 3 years of living/working in China. She recently moved from Atlanta to Baltimore.

Courtney Yerdon Gleason and husband David celebrated their 2-year wedding anniversary in 9/06. She is a CFA level 1 candidate at BB&T, Richmond. Courtney ran a half-marathon in April in Charlottesville. She keeps in touch with **Lara Hansen Dickens** and soon-to-be-married **Lindsay Kinyon**.

In Jan., **Amanda Crighton** left Atlanta to begin a new career as a Marketing/Sales Specialist in Cincinnati, OH. She is having a great time and keeps in touch with **Lana Davis**, Bre Leiberling '04, **Meghan Koury**, **Anna Yankee**, **Courtney Pfaff Kimble**, **Shirley Pinson**, and **Christy Maxwell**.

Bobbi Conklin will marry Tim Lampron 6/19/08 at the Greystone Castle in Canastota, NY. She earned a Masters in Education in 5/06 and will be completing a 2-year commitment to the NYC Teaching Fellows. She was a Special Education Teacher last year, grades K-3, and this year she teaches 4th grade general education at Public School 121 in the Bronx.

In 7/05, **Ashley Johnson** started to take over her family business. Ashley had a mini reunion in Sept. with Kelly Monical Jones '02, Lori Smith Nilan '02 and Denise McDonald '02 at Lake Wylie, SC. Ashley is engaged to Brian McGee, is busy wedding planning.

Courtney Pfaff Kimble is an Emergency Room RN for Culpeper

Hospital. She received a Bachelors degree in Nursing from U. of Miami in 5/06, and plans to pursue a Nurse Practitioner degree next fall. She takes care of her father who suffered a traumatic brain injury from a horse accident. In Jan., Courtney attended the Sweet Briar Hunt Club Assoc. Wine Tasting at the Galloping Grape in Warrenton, VA.

Kaitlyn Johnson has been working for a year with the San Juan Island EMS in Washington State. She was elected EMT Assoc. Secretary and selected as Medical Supply Officer for an aid unit. She continues to renovate the Friday Harbor Inn and Friday's Historic Inn with photographs. Kaitlyn matts, frames, and hangs the photographs in remodeled rooms.

Tiffany Williamson Norwood married Ryan Norwood of Richmond, VA, 11/18/06. **Kylene Smith** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Tiffany, Kylene, **Angela Grisby**, **Tara Conte**, and **Megan Gaillardet** had a mini reunion in Jun. Tiffany's husband will play baseball in Daytona Beach this summer, so she hopes to catch up with Tara!

Tara Conte in St. Petersburg, FL is pursuing her nurse anesthetist degree. She enjoys life on the water. She visited with **Kylene Smith** in NC.

Anne Marie Clarke lives in Amherst, VA. Since graduation she has worked for the Robert E. Lee Soil and Conservation District. She also hosts her own radio show on SBC's station WNRS 89.9 FM. In Jan., she won the Leeway's Home Grown Music Network's Radio Station of the Year Award, a national honor! Besides her love of music she's involved with many stream restoration projects in the county.

Julia Schmitz had an academic paper accepted for publication. This year she served as President of the Graduate Student Association at UAB, representing graduate student needs to the administration and served on various committees. She was selected for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. 5/06, she traveled to Miami to present new experimental findings at the American Assoc. of Immunologists meeting. When she's not busy in lab, she's busy at church teaching 5th grade religion, playing in hand bell choir, or singing in folk choir!

Nicole Crowder, in her last year of grad. school, is busy looking for a faculty position at a small college or a post doctoral fellowship. She is looking forward to Sheena Belcher's ('05) wedding in Jun.

Shirley Pinson graduated from Converse Coll., 12/06, with a Masters degree. She has been teaching World History at a local h. s. in Spartanburg, SC, and hopes to start classes for her doctorate within the next year. Shirley wishes everyone well, and looks forward to our reunion, 5/08!

I, **Kimberly Martin**, am working on a Ph.D. in Public Policy at the U. of FL. I have enjoyed watching the Gators win basketball and football National Championships! I've been working with Senator Bob Graham and the faculty at UF to create the Graham Center for Public Service. We developed a Certificate in Public Leadership and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Policy. Feel free to take a look at what we've been doing! www.graham.centers.ufl.edu.

I see **Lisa Renfrow** frequently. Lisa works at Walt Disney World in Orlando. Lisa and I plan to meet Professor Jeff Key this summer in Daytona. Professor Key now works at Hardin-Simmons U. in Abilene, TX.

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Hello ladies! I hope you're ready for warmer months ahead. Thanks to you who submitted notes; if you aren't getting my reminder emails, please send me an email with your current email address. I'm completing my first year at GWU in their Forensic Sciences grad program. I'm also an Investigative Assistant with the Arlington County Police Dept. in the Robbery/Homicide Division, and I got a job with the Secret Service. I look forward to summer months and to attending the weddings of Amy Walker '06, **Sheena Belcher**, and **Jan Jennings**. **Sheena Belcher** will marry Matthew Hubbard, 6/16/07 in Abingdon, VA. She works in the Sweet Briar Admissions Office. **Jan Jennings** is tying the knot with Kerry Need on 7/7/07 in IN. **Courtney Patti** lives in Washington, DC and will graduate in 5/07 from Catholic U. with a Masters of Social Work, concentration in clinical health care. **Liz Eager Marvel** married Brett 6/06 and had **Lauren Wade**. **Karen Dennehy**, **Dana Ripperton**, and **Erin Gibbs** as her bridesmaids. She lives in South Bend, IN, but plans to move to Indianapolis where Brett will begin medical school in the summer. She hopes to apply to grad schools this year and is studying for the GRE. She visited VA during her birthday and spent time with Lauren, Karen, Gibbs, Maggie Murray '06, **Kerri Martin**, **Julia Geyer**,

and **Casey Knapp**. She looks forward to being a bridesmaid in Casey Knapp's wedding this May. **Cathy Sobke** attends law school at FL International U., Miami. She'll spend the summer in Seville, Spain taking classes. **Casey Poore** teaches 6th grade in Blackstone, VA. She is working towards her teacher licensure. She also teaches competition dance in Amelia, VA and is busy planning her wedding to Dustin Flippin, 6/9/07. **Sarah Parson** will be a bridesmaid in her wedding. **Maggie Murray** joined the Peace Corps, leaves for Panama in May to work on sustainable agricultural systems. **Dana Ripperton**, also in the Peace Corps, is in Ukraine teaching English. **Ashley Rogers** took a job as Deputy Press Secretary for Senate Republican Leader McConnell. She took a trip down to Charlottesville, VA and spent time with **Janie Glen Gotherman**, **Michelle Moshier**, and **Tamra Scott** '06. **Mandi Ponton** lives in Charlottesville, VA and works as an assistant Curator at Michie Tavern. She is planning her wedding to Paul Dean in Nelson County, 9/8/07.

Brooke Middleton, at Lynchburg Coll., is working on her Med in Community Counseling, plans to graduate in 2008. **Nell Champoux**, Syracuse, NY and is working towards her Ph.D. in Religion at Syracuse U. She says she loves being back in school, hopes to stay there for a long time. **Monique Sample** visited me for a weekend and was able to catch up with **Heather Wright**, **Sue Knouse**, and **Katie Vaughan** '06. She also made it down to SBC to attend Misty Vandergriff Forsberg's '04 baby shower and she caught up with Misty, Kelli Bergmann Thomasson '04, Mary Davis Blood '04, **Grace Farnsworth** '04, **Beth Farnsworth**, **Sue Knouse**, **Denna Jackson**, Autumn Fish '04, Meredith Shaw Hansen '04, **Michelle Badger** '06, and the adorable new arrival, Auden Forsberg. She enjoys life in Richmond, VA working at Circuit City Inc. **Heather Wright** is finishing her first year of grad school at GWU, is preparing for a summer internship at the US Dept. of State as a Graduate Pickering Fellow. She works part-time as a human resources clerk at Kirkland and Ellis LLP. **Jen Woodson** graduated with a MA in Foreign Language (Spanish) from GMU. She now teaches Spanish at Central VA Community Coll. and at the Hargrave Military Academy. She's planning her wedding for 6/23/07. **Heather Armstrong** currently lives in Richmond, VA, ishing a asters Degree in Occupational Therapy at VCU. She married Mark back in 6/06 and will be moving to Norfolk, VA in Aug. so that Mark can begin medical school in fall.

Samira Hossain bought a condo this year in DC, moved there in Feb. She managed to travel to Paris and Cancun on vacation. She spends time with **Lynsie Watkins**, **Nancy Kirbo**,

Heather Wright, Diana Boncheva, Ana Ciric, and Christina Marchetti. Hilary Cooper will marry Matthew, 8/25/07 in Richmond, they just purchased their first home in Cary Town. **Katherine Parnell Robinson** married Donald, 10/06 in Birmingham, AL. Her bridesmaids included Alisa Cline Berry '03, Megan Blaesing '07, Corinne Davies '07, Abby Adams '06, Lindsey Cline '07, and Chris Murphy '06. **Megan Knight** joined Montague Miller & Co. as a real estate agent. Congratulations to all of you getting married and already married! I wish you the best! Good luck to those of you in graduate school! Please keep me informed about the happenings of your lives. Take care ladies!

2006

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Miriam Choi still enjoys southern CA weather and working for Strategic Merchandising Partners. She's training to be a field manager where she'll be responsible for representatives who visit the retail stores NATIONWIDE and put up displays for their clients. She loves it! Her sociology major helps her much. She attended SBC's Spring Fling, met with many friends. **Abby Adams** lives in Baltimore, MD with **Joanna Meade**. 2 cats, and dog. One small happy family! She attends nursing school at Johns Hopkins, enjoys it much! She was in Heather Link's ('05) wedding, Jun. and attended **Tabitha Dixon's** wedding, Mar. She hopes to work with babies in a hospital this summer. **Karina Fernandez** works for Planned Parenthood and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). She is an Adaptation Specialist, participates in an adapting research intervention pilot study with CDC. One of 5 studies in the nation, they're the only ones targeting HIV Seropositive Hispanic MSM. This is a community based HIV prevention intervention that helps to create a social environment in which gay/bisexual men feel comfortable and empowered in making decisions to avoid high-risk sexual behaviors. She interviews individuals, writes publication papers, and coordinates events, loves it! As of Dec., **Jodie Weber** is a police officer with the Charlottesville Police Department. She graduated from the police academy on 4/18/07; hit the streets of Charlottesville for field training.

Jessica Mercier and Alexandra Blair share a townhouse in Sterling, VA. Jessica works in Finance for BAE Systems and Alex does Administration for Solutex. Never a dull moment in DC!

Kerry Buxton lives in Queen's Village, Philadelphia, within walking distance of the Italian Market, South Street, and Penn's Landing. Work as a case manager at a Dual-Diagnosis group home for high-functioning adults is fulfilling. There she introduces new projects such as a gardening group and a mural project for her clients. Kerry joined the Fleischer Community Art Center where she takes free classes in figure drawing, pastels, and printmaking. She supports the Friends of Art and the Friends of the Library at Sweet Briar, and returned to SBC to attend their annual meeting, Mar. **Suzy Harvey** is in the Biomathematics Ph.D. program at NCSU, loves it! She works as a TA in the Statistics dept., holds tutoring hours, proctors exams, and helps grade 600-700 finals. Now for the really great news: Phillip Hodge proposed to her 3/9/07. They'll be married in Jul.! She can't wait! They're looking for houses near Raleigh. Along with planning her wedding she'll do research at NCSU in the Biomathematics, summer. **Nancy Kleinhaus** is working in Tampa, FL at an all-girls private Catholic h. s. called Academy of the Holy Names. She's an Advancement Assistant with Reunion Events and Fundraising (similar to what she did at SBC's Alumnae House). Still engaged to Chris Carr (FSU Alum), wedding in 3/08 at Snowshoe Ski Resort in WV. She visited with some other alumnae during an Alumnae Event at Jackson's in Tampa, FL with Louise Zigaro '80, Dir. of the Alumnae Assoc., and Heidi Hansen McCrory, VP for Development at SBC.

Katharine Parnell married Donald Robinson (HSC '02) on 10/7/06 at Mountain Brook Club in Birmingham, AL. Tons of SBC girls there included bridesmaids Alisa Cline Berry '03 and Megan Blaesing '07. **Chris Murphy, Abby Adams, Lindsey Cline '07, and Corinne Davies '07** were attendants. Their honeymoon was a 2-week cruise through the Panama Canal. They have a house in Middleburg, VA. **Jenny Lynn** moved to FL, works at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum in historic St. Augustine. As Museum Educator, she writes history-related tours and programs for schoolchildren, scout troops, and adult groups who visit. Part of the job includes standing at the top of the 165 ft. tower, where it's important to keep an eye on wind speeds and weather, answer questions for guests, and keeping an eye on the (functioning) first order Fresnel lens, like a real lighthouse keeper! This summer, she'll teach summer camp at the Lighthouse and surf or sail during off time. **Brook Helburn** lives and works in NYC. Over summer she worked a list of temporary and part time positions. She assisted a fashion photographer, occasionally assisted a DJ and was a make-up artist's assistant for a pop

music video shoot. In fall, she got a temporary position in Advertising at "Black Entertainment TV." This became a permanent position by Feb. After her 2nd officially permanent day she went to her first event, "Rip the Runway" hosted by Ciara and Chris Brown. She loves having guests in NYC, don't hesitate to contact her. **Gwen Reyes** works in Dallas for a small marketing and promotions company called FreshFiction.com, where she does author event planning and travels tons. She completed a month-long internship with AFI Dallas International Film Festival, which was so awesome (she met the beautiful Lauren Becal)! During business trips she visited Nancy Kirbo '05, **Sara Ostrow, and Monique Sample**. She'll move to DC in the next few months. If anyone has suggestions, please forward them to her! **Jill Frier** worked as an Environmental Scientist at a consulting firm near DC. In May, she transitioned to a new position in the company as an Outreach Specialist. Also in May, she returned to Ireland to visit friends from her JYA.

Melissa Massy and Kerri Faust enjoy city life in downtown Denver, CO. Melissa works at The Delores Project, a local women's homeless shelter. While counseling the clients at the shelter, she's also responsible for helping them find permanent housing and employment. The job is demanding, but rewards are immense. Kerri works as a Marketing Assistant at David Evans and Associates, an Environmental Engineering firm. She enjoys her job and the challenges each day brings. Melissa and Kerri spend weeknights entertaining friends in their apt., running at the park, or checking out the downtown scene. They spend weekends outdoors. In winter, they're found at Copper Mt. snowboarding the slopes. In spring, they're hiking or kayaking in Boulder. Anyone wanting to visit CO feel free to contact them. They love visitors! **Alison Martell** loves Columbia, SC. She's working for Davis-Garvin Agency in the Hunting Club department until she figures out what to conquer next. She enjoys exploring SC and takes fun classes like cake decorating in spare time. **Kathleen Wilson** accepted a co-op position with General Electric (G.E.) in the Environmental Safety and Health Department, Louisville, KY. She's excited about the year-long position. She completed the first year of her Masters degree at IN U. School of Public and Environmental Affairs majoring in Environmental Chemistry, Toxicology and Risk Assessment. After G.E. she'll return to IU to complete her Masters. **Michelle Badger** works at SBC in the Annual Fund. She goes to DC to meet other SBC graduates often. She has gone to both of the Peace Marches in DC. If anyone wants to go to one, let her know.

She'd love to meet with you for a march. She hopes everyone is well! **Michelle Clark** is assistant programmer for an environmental non-profit organization in Tampa, FL. The organization lobbies for environmental justice nation-wide, exciting work! Since moving to Tampa in Sept., she's worked 2 political campaigns and won both. She stays busy!

Cara Cherry is finishing her first year at VA-MD Regional Coll. of Veterinary Medicine. Her studies focus on nontraditional government/corporate aspect of vet medicine. Summer, she'll work under an NIH funded research project genetically-modifying a strain of bacteria. When she isn't being a complete science nerd, she enjoys, oh wait... she is always a nerd. **Jennifer Jones** was married to Thomas Collins (VMI) on 7/1/06. They spent summer in Lexington, VA while Thomas continued to work at VMI. In Aug. she continued her education at SBC in the Masters of Education program. She moved back on campus and her husband left for GA and TX for Army training. On Jan. 1 he completed training. They moved to Fort Campbell, KY. Upon arrival he was informed that deployment to Iraq might be sooner than planned. Jennifer decided to find a job and leave SBC. She began teaching 8th grade science at Montgomery Central Middle School in Clarksville, TN. It has been an experience so far, but she is glad to be teaching. Choosing to quit school allowed her to start a real life in her own home. They now have a kitty named Campbell. Tommy is set to deploy to Baghdad, end of Aug. Keep them in your prayers.

Kate Dobie finished her internship at the MoMA in Dec. and went back to OR for a few weeks on holiday. After returning to NYC she was offered a job working for the Deputy Dir. of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, loves her job! She works with the trustees, aids Development with the Capital Campaign, and assists with Special Events. She lives in NJ (4 hour commute round-trip every day!) while saving to move to the Upper East Side closer to work. She participated in SBC's First Year Out Panel and had a mini-reunion with friends. **Ivey Tabor Godfrey** was married 6/3/06 at the Founder's Inn in VA Beach, VA to a HSC graduate. They moved to Wake Forest, NC where he attends Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and she works full-time as a photographer's assistant. **Melissa Westhouse** studies for her Masters in Criminal Justice Forensic Psychology at Tiffin U. in Tiffin, OH. It's a fantastic one-year program with classes during the summer. At the end of Aug. she'll be finished with her masters, but must wait until 5/08 to graduate. Her grades are excellent; she'll receive a special medal for this accomplishment. She maintains

a web blog, www.tiffindragons.blogspot.com, for her class. **Julie Drake** is back in CA! She enjoyed part of her summer relaxing, spent the 2nd half working with a kindergarten summer program teaching art. Since fall '06, she has been substitute teaching. In Jan, she started the multiple subject credential program at San Jose State U., loves it! She also cut 12" of hair for "Locks for Love." **Nicki Brandt** survived her first AK winter, working at the AK SeaLife Center in Seward, AK. She works with seabirds and other marine life. Spare time is spent experiencing true powder (snow) for skiing and snowboarding, hiking, and amazing photographic views! She has signed a year lease on a cute little apt. with an incredible view, she won't be homeless this summer. Last summer, she lived in her car! She has seen **Jenn Wiley**, now a fisheries biologist observer in the Bering Sea (think "Deadliest

Catch") and has traveled to Denver, CO to see Kerry and Melissa's darling place. **Anel Avila** works for the Department of Environmental Quality in Phoenix, AZ and does extreme rock climbing for fun. **Julie Jacocks** works for the Museum Trustee Assoc. and the Institute of Management Consultants as a Senior Associate through her company, Smith Bucklin. She travels for conferences all over the place. Jun., she'll be promoted to Coordinator and is taking a Grant Writing USA class. Also in Jun., The National Council for Advanced Manufacturing will be her client and she's taking the LSAT.

Nicole Traylor and her puppy Pearl moved to Charlotte, NC. She's at UNC in Charlotte for grad. school, works on a post-bacc. in education. She'll teach h. s. for a couple of years to save money. She plans on attending UNC at Wilmington to get a Masters in Marine Biology. **Lauren Martin** will start the DPT (doctorate of

Physical Therapy) program at Medical Coll. of GA, May. 3/10/07 she was maid of honor in **Tabitha Dixon's** wedding to Andrew Ward (LU). A bunch of SBC girls were there; it was such a blast. Tabitha was so gorgeous! **Paula Kirkland** works for SBC. She and her fiancé, Mike Ledbetter, a VA state trooper, just bought their first house and will marry 8/07.

Colleen Karaffa is immersed in wedding plans, honeymoon plans (Italy is a go!), and moving plans. She's excited for the big day, 5/26/07! After that, she'll be Editor of the *SBC Alumnae Magazine*. She still designs and sells handmade jewelry, hopes this will become a real business when time allows. She and Brandon welcome visitors to our old familiar area after moving to the new apt., late Jun. **Victoria Chappell** lives in beautiful Palm Beach, FL. She works for NewsMax Medias as an Information Research Assistant and as an office

assistant for a primary care doctor. Besides work she has fun traveling and visiting her favorite people. She's excited for summer when she'll be a bridesmaid in several friends' weddings! **Leigh Darrell** finished her first year of law school at the U. of Baltimore. She, **Molly Mitchell**, **Maureen McGuire**, and **Joanna Meade** made a road trip to SBC in Feb. to cheer on the Vixen swim team at ODACs, where they visited both **Michelle Badger** and **Cara Cherry**. She had a visit from Kate Dobie in Mar., and visited **Laura Pierce** in KY. Leigh looks forward to summer clerking for a district court judge, and taking classes. Charis Trevathan is engaged to Chris Chase (VM '06). They'll marry next spring upon his return from deployment in Iraq. She is currently working in claims for GEICO and enjoying herself.



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